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田村由美

セブンシーズ

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Team Spring

Tsunomata Mansaku

Upright muscleman. Loves archery, meditation and Tang poetry.

Team Spring

Sugurono Hana

Seventeen year old girl. She learned everything about surviving in the wilderness from her father.

Team Summer B

Asai Semimaru

Egotistic, eighteen year old guy who is always mean to Natsu.

Team Summer B

Iwashimizu Natsu

Well-mannered, quiet, sixteen year old girl is afraid of telling her own opinion.

Team Spring

Yukima Haru

Sixteen year old pianist, he's a little eccentric and always acts cool and indifferent.

Team Spring

Amacha Fujiko

Seventeen year old High School girl who wants to study medicine. A good friend to Hana.

Team Summer B

Saotome Botan

Strong, reliable and a tough woman. Guide of the group.

Team Summer B

Aota Arashi

Seventeen year old guy with a strong sense of justice. He's Natsu a protector.

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Team Summer B

Under the leadership of their guide Botan, Natsu and the others put out to sea. Because it was expected that the living conditions for humans, animals and plants would be extreme, relief goods were stockpiled at the 'Seven Fujis'. Team Summer B headed for Mount Yufuin-fu, one of the Seven Fujis. Once away, and been safely there, Arashi, together with Natsu, set out for Tokyo...

Team Spring

With their guide Yanagi lost to them, Hana and the others take Yanagi's last words as their best chance for survival. Using these words as their best clue, they set out west. There they find that Yokohama and Shinjuku had sunk and lay in ruins....

Story:

What are the 'Seven Seeds'? We're in the near future, and a huge meteorite had collided with the earth. All living beings, including the human race, were eliminated/exterminated. Governments around the world, who had foreseen this worst case scenario, took countermeasures. One example of this is project Seven Seeds, in which young people were selected carefully and put into a cold sleep. What will await them after they have awoken...?

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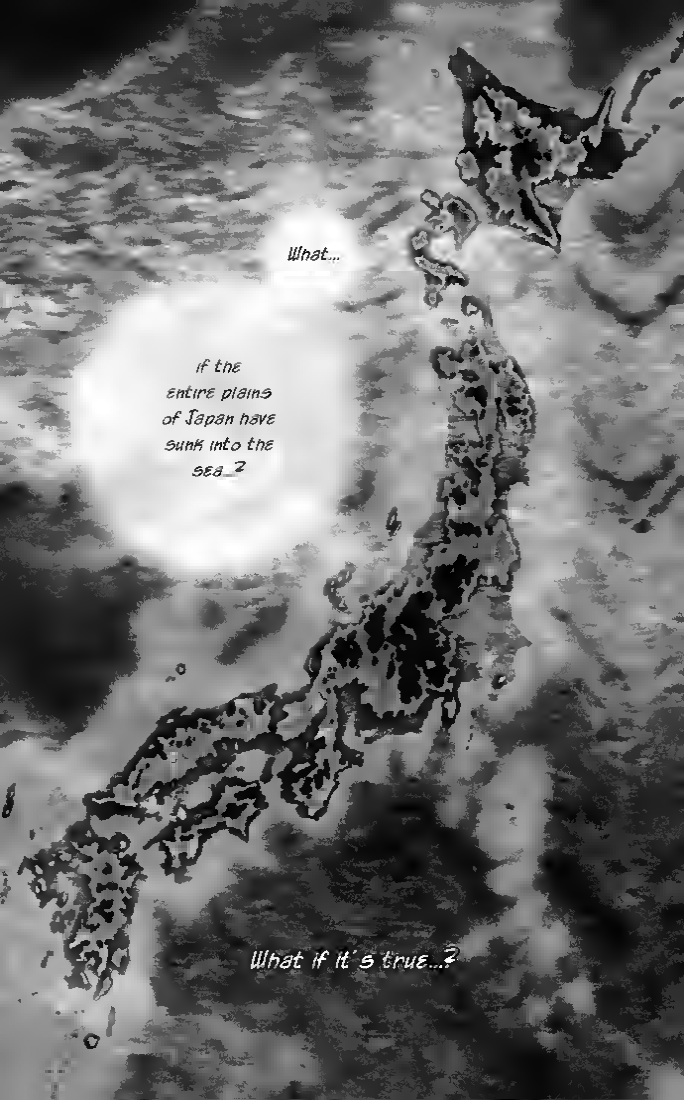
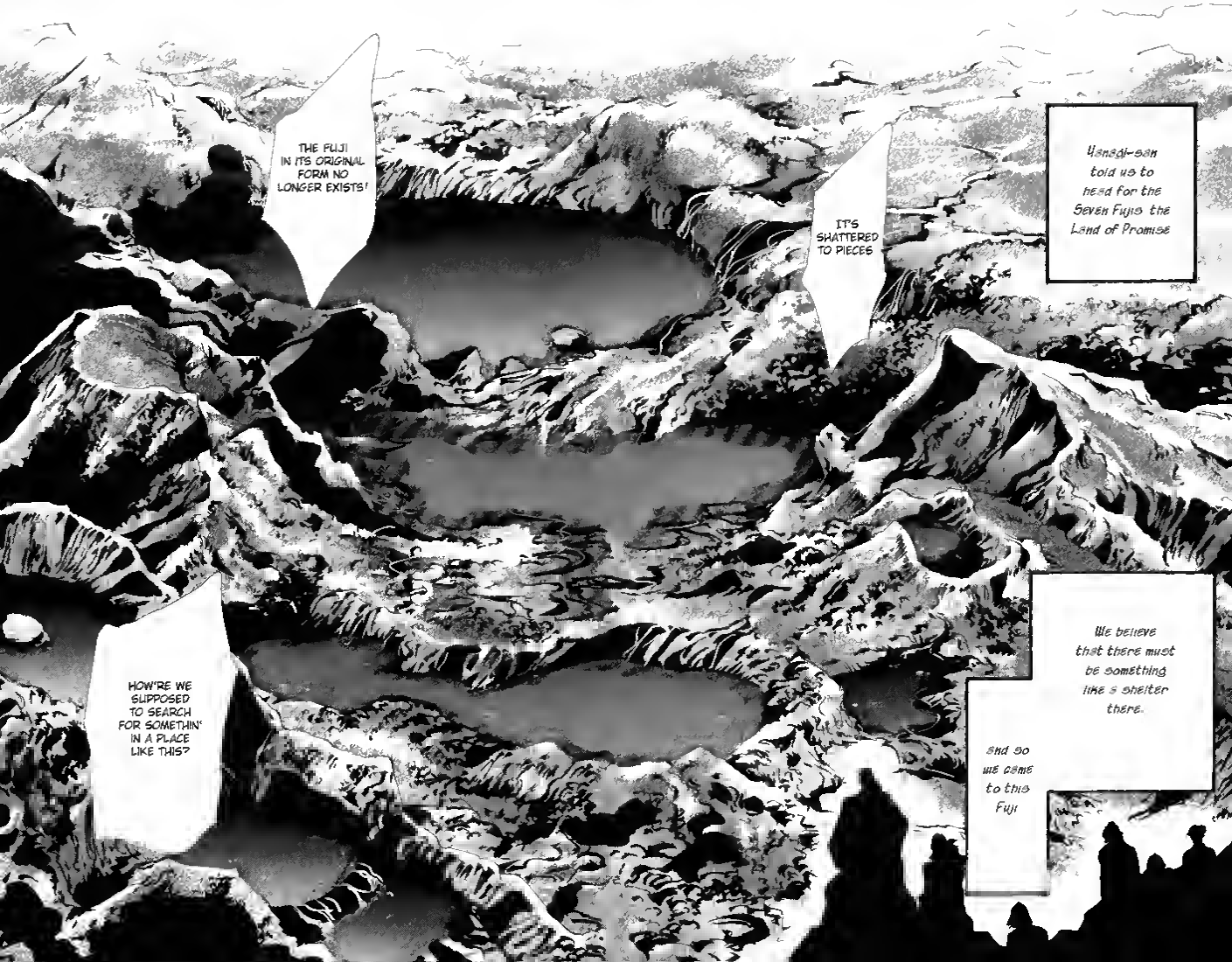

What...
if the entire plains of Japan have sunk into the sea_?
What if it's true...?

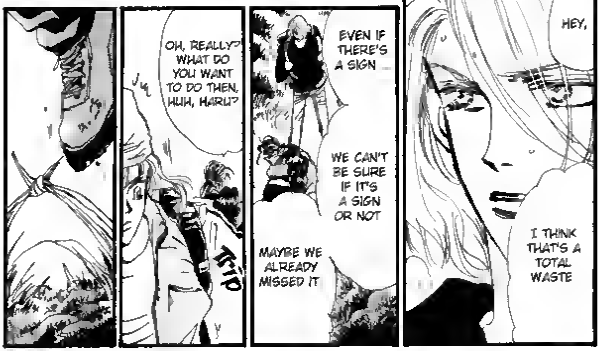
How could really imagine that
look completely different now.
IT HAPPENED, YEAH...
I SEE.
SO, IN THE END...
IT...
ERUPTED...
The recreational areas of Hakone and Mt Fuji
rrroooo


THE FUJI IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM NO LONGER EXISTS!
IT'S SHATTERED TO PIECES
Hanagi-san told us to head for the Seven Fujis the Land of Promise
HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO SEARCH FOR SOMETHIN' IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
We believe that there must be something like a shelter there.
And so we came to this Fuji

The destroyed Fuji
Countless cold seas
in which cavities of rainwater are gathered now
A lot of caves were...
built by the escaped gas
The foot of the mountain which was called the Sea of Trees in the past
has been swallowed and stiffened by the lava and the ashes
And tears ran down my cheeks unconsciously
wheez
huff
We just ran around...
blindly

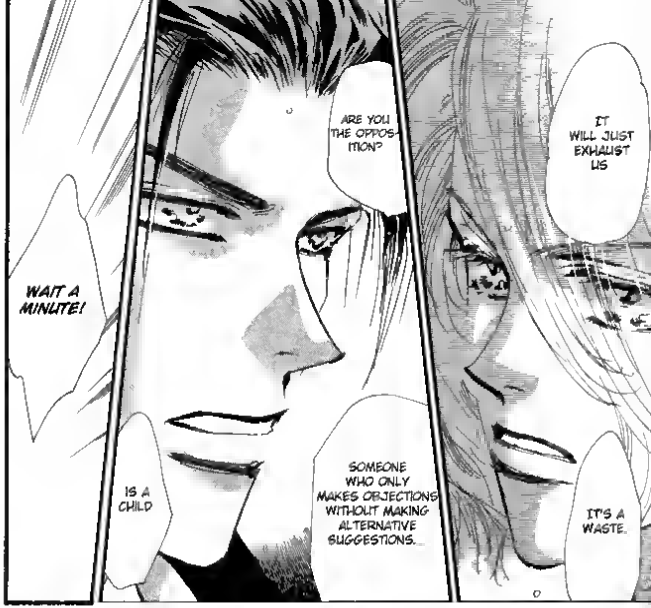
It's no longer here
But I know now..
that it's gone
I often climbed mountains but I only came here on a trip once
I wasn't really attached to Mt Fuji
really vanished
This country has
That's hard for you FUJIKO!
OW OW!
WAH!
but I don't have any better ideas
THAT'S NOT OF MUCH USE
IT'S TOO LARGE
FUMP

WHO THE HELL PLAYED THAT JOKE ON ME?
NOT ME.
I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT.
SO...
IT BUILT ITSELF...?
I don't always think!
We wandered around aimlessly.
Maybe we'd be attacked by animals again
TSUNOMATA, SHE'S HEAVY. ISN'T SHE? LET'S TAKE TURNS
NO THANKS I don't mind
and out of fear we couldn't divide into two groups either.
SINCE YOU'RE A MAN HUH? THERE'S NO NEED FOR THIS
LET'S MAKE US ALL EQUAL
IF I LOOK AT IT OBJECTIVELY AND MAKE US EQUALS...
THEN I'M THE STRONGEST OF US.
Ah!


HEY,
I THINK THAT'S A TOTAL WASTE
EVEN IF THERE'S A SIGN
WE CAN'T BE SURE IF IT'S A SIGN OR NOT
MAYBE WE ALREADY MISSED IT
OH, REALLY? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THEN, HUH, HARU?

bump

I DON'T KNOW THAT
BUT WE WON'T FIND ANYTHING IN THE WAY WE'RE SEARCHING NOW


IT WILL JUST EXHAUST US
ARE YOU THE OPPOSITION?
WAIT A MINUTE!
IS A CHILD
SOMEONE WHO ONLY MAKES OBJECTIONS WITHOUT MAKING ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS...
IT'S A WASTE.

HANA-CHAN?

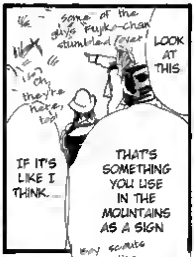
WAIT...
HEARD ABOUT THE SEVEN FUJIS...
WE CAME HERE RIGHT AWAY BUT...
LISTEN. WHEN WE.

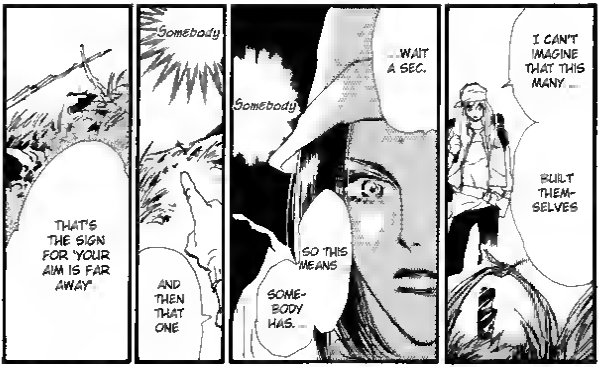
REFER TO THE..
ORIGINAL FUJI, RIGHT?
THE 'SEVEN FUJIS'
MIGHT NOT NECESS-ARILY...

I..
IN A PLACE WHERE THE DAMAGE WOULD BE BIGGEST IF IT ERUPTED
SURELY WOULDN'T GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF BUILDING A SHELTER HERE,

OH...
YES..
we always ordered that
THAT'S RIGHT..

THEN THIS IS THE SIGN FOR 'DON'T WALK ON'.


Some of the guys Fujiko-chan stumbled over!
LOOK AT THIS
they're hikers, too!
IF IT'S LIKE I THINK...
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU USE IN THE MOUNTAINS AS A SIGN
boy scouts and the like

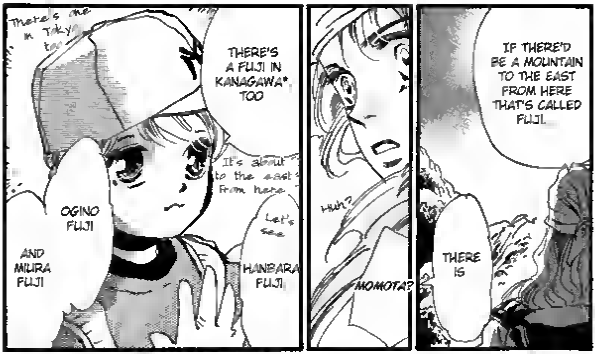

THAT'S THE SIGN FOR 'YOUR AIM IS FAR AWAY'
Somebody
AND THEN THAT ONE
Somebody
...WAIT A SEC.
SO THIS MEANS SOMEBODY HAS...
I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT THIS MANY... BUILT THEMSELVES

THERE ARE THREE HUNDRED FUJIS IN THE DISTRICTS AROUND HERE
Wait
IF THERE ISN'T ANYTHING HERE, WHERE IS IT, THEN?
SO THIS MEANS THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE?!
Should we check every single one around the country?

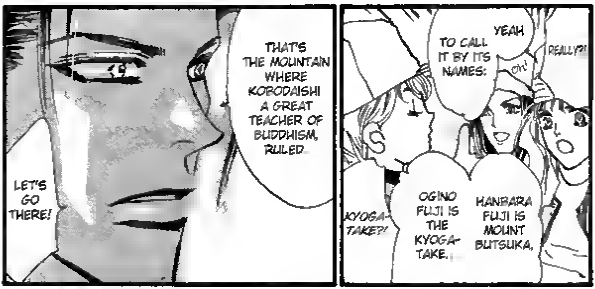
BUT THERE'S NO TURN-OFF HERE...
I'LL READ IT AS 'GO EAST' INSTEAD
SO...

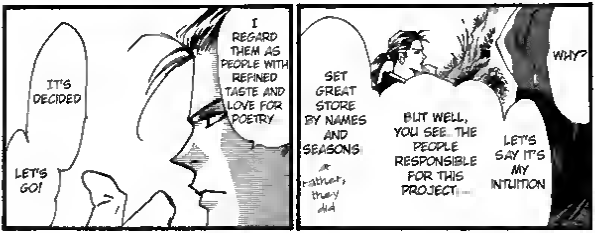
SURE.
LOOK
THIS IS THE SIGN FOR 'TURN TO THE RIGHT'

COULDN'T THIS MEAN...
IN OTHER WORDS THAT SOMEONE IS TELLING US...
THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING HERE?
Somebody!


There's one in Tokyo, too
THERE'S A FUJI IN KANAGAWA*, TOO
It's about to the east from here
Let's see
OGINO FUJI
AND MIURA FUJI
HANBARA FUJI
Huh?
MOMOTA?
IF THERE'D BE A MOUNTAIN TO THE EAST FROM HERE THAT'S CALLED FUJI...
THERE IS

*DISTRICT IN THE SOUTH OF TOKYO




I REGARD THEM AS PEOPLE WITH REFINED TASTE AND LOVE FOR POETRY
IT'S DECIDED
LET'S GO!
SET GREAT STORE BY NAMES AND SEASONS
...or rather, they did
BUT WELL, YOU SEE. THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROJECT...
WHY?
LET'S SAY IT'S MY INTUITION

Somebody show us the way.
LOOK!
THIS IS THE SIGN FOR 'GO STRAIGHT AHEAD'!
stomp
stomp
stomp
Hey!
WELL, YOU SEE. IT'S CALLED THE FUJI OF THE DISTRICT SINCE IT'S SIMILAR IN ITS FORM.
IT'S A MINIATURE FUJI
IS THIS KYOGATAKE?
Somebody is here
There are people here
NO
YOU AREN'T AGAINST IT, ARE YOU HARU?
There are people here

stomp
stomp
IT'S THE SIGN FOR YOUR AIM IS NEAR
THIS ONE
stomp
WAH!
huh?
LOOK!
OH MY!
IT'S NOT FROM TODAY OR YESTERDAY
There are people here!
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK SO OLD
There's no doubt about it anymore!
There are people here!
stomp
stomp
LOOK!
REMAINS OF A CAMPFIRE

MANJU-SHIRE, THE BODH-ISATTVA OF WISDOM.
A DOOR!
THE ENTRANCE TO THE SHELTER!
HURRAY!
THE PROTECTIVE PATRON SAINT OF THE YEAR OF THE HARE.
ITS LOCATION IS EAST
TSUNO-MATA?
TSUNO-MATA
I'M THE FOURTH SON FROM A BUDDHIST TEMPLE.
FUJIKO

IS SOMEBODY THERE?!
SOME-BODY
Some-body
LET'S GO INSIDE
I DON'T CARE WHO ANYBODY!
I want to meet people.

OH!

I REALLY WANTED TO PRAY NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE

HEAVE-HO!
LET'S OPEN IT UP.
CLONK

splash
IT'S...
FLOODED!
No way!
Oh no
THIS CAN'T BE...
A DEAD END...?

I'LL TIE A ROPE AROUND MY WAIST
SO IF I PULL IT TWICE PULL ME BACK...!!
GIVE IT UP.

HANA-CHAN?!
MY FLASH LIGHT IS WATER-PROOF
I'LL TRY TO GO THROUGH IT.
AH, WAIT...

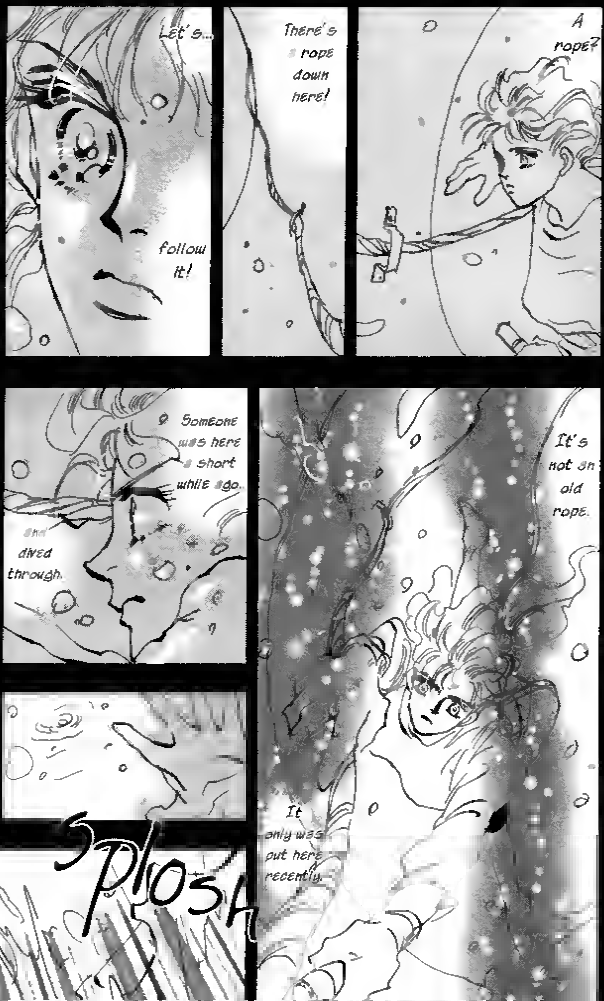
AND WE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO FIND IT!
WAIT!

HARU.
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME.

IT'S DANG-EROUS.
QUIT IT.

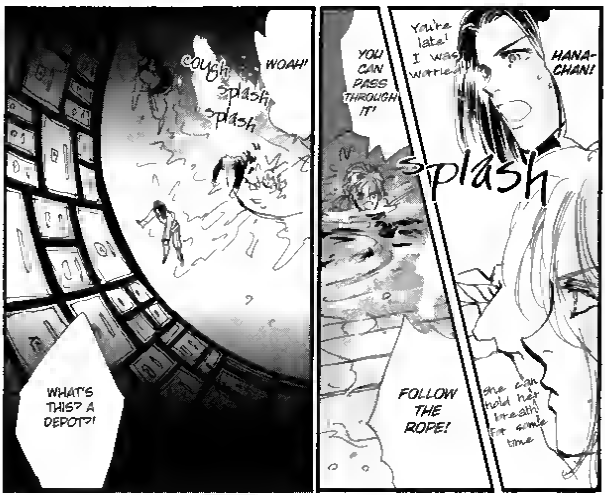
Why are you so surprised!?
WHAT?
I'm serious.
IS THAT BAD?

GUK
splash
flash
It's luke-warm...
BE CAREFUL, HANA-CHAN
I said it because it looked like you'd overdo yourself
Sorry, I leave this to you!
I DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T OVERDO MYSELF
I guess it's only been flooded recently
The water is rather clear
A parting of the tunnel...?
Oh no! Which one...?
bubbb
The tunnel...
If it's too long I'll be in trouble
continues


Let's...
follow it!
There's a rope down here!
A rope?
Someone was here a short while ago.
She dived through.
It's not an old rope.
It only was put here recently.
Splash

WAH!
SPLASH
Some-
body..

Someone with courage!
dived,
searched for the way,
and put up a rope so that the others can get in


WOAH!
Cough
Splash
Splash
WHAT'S THIS? A DEPOT?!
You're late! I was worried!
HANA-CHAN!
YOU CAN PASS THROUGH IT!
Splash
FOLLOW THE ROPE!
she can hold her breath for a while

HANA-CHAN?
THERE ARE TOOLS IN HERE!
FOOD STUFFS!
WAH!
OH!
EEK!
We are from Team Summer B.
We came here from Kyushu.
Our friends are at the shelter at Mt. Yufudake in Kyushu.
Team Summer B?!

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[Aim and Object]
Team
Summer B!

We're from team Summer B.
We came here from Kyushu.
Our mates are at the shelter at Mt. Yufudake
in Kyushu. If somebody drops in here please
leave a sign. I believe that we'll meet some day.
Please beware of the animals.
Good luck to you!
Ohmizu Natsu

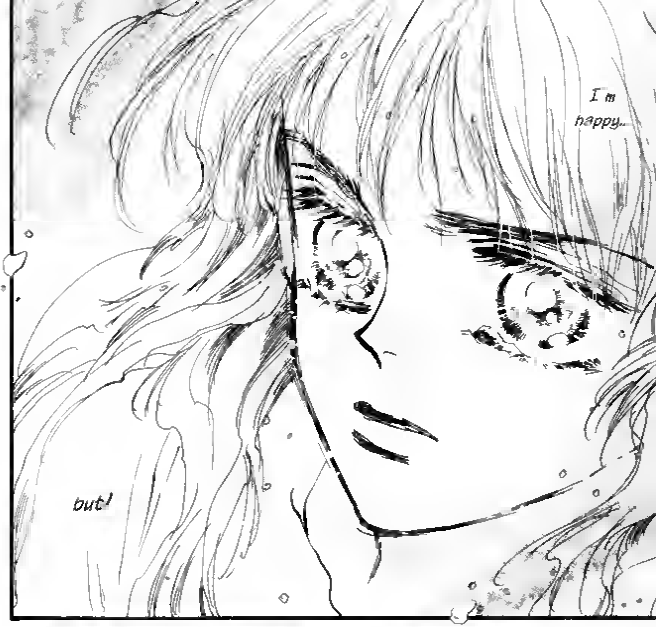
Tiny Tamu-Tamu time !

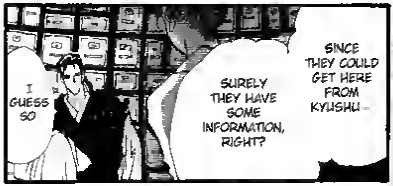
Hello everybody!
Volume 4 came out,
thank you dear readers!!

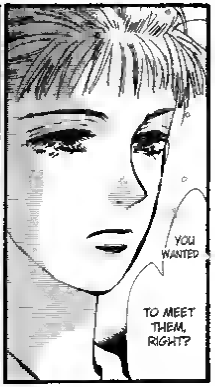
It's still a weird story,
but please stick to it!

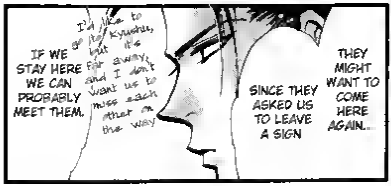
TAMU

ACTUALLY EXISTS
SO TEAM SUMMER B
There are the teams Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter
All in all 5 active teams
Only from Summer are there two teams
REALLY 'TEAM SPRING'...
THEN I'M SURE THAT WE'RE...
I'm happy..
that there are people here
YANAGI TOLD US!
IN OTHER WORDS
EVERY-THING IS JUST AS...
THE YUFUDAKE IN KYUSHU IS A REGIONAL FUJI, TOO
I'M SURE IT'S ONE OF THE SEVEN FUJIS!


I'm happy...
but!


I GUESS SO
SURELY THEY HAVE SOME INFORMATION, RIGHT?
SINCE THEY COULD GET HERE FROM KYUSHU...


YOU WANTED TO MEET THEM, RIGHT?


IF WE STAY HERE WE CAN PROBABLY MEET THEM.
I'd like to go to Kyushu, but it's far away, and I don't want us to miss each other on the way
SINCE THEY ASKED US TO LEAVE A SIGN
THEY MIGHT WANT TO COME HERE AGAIN...

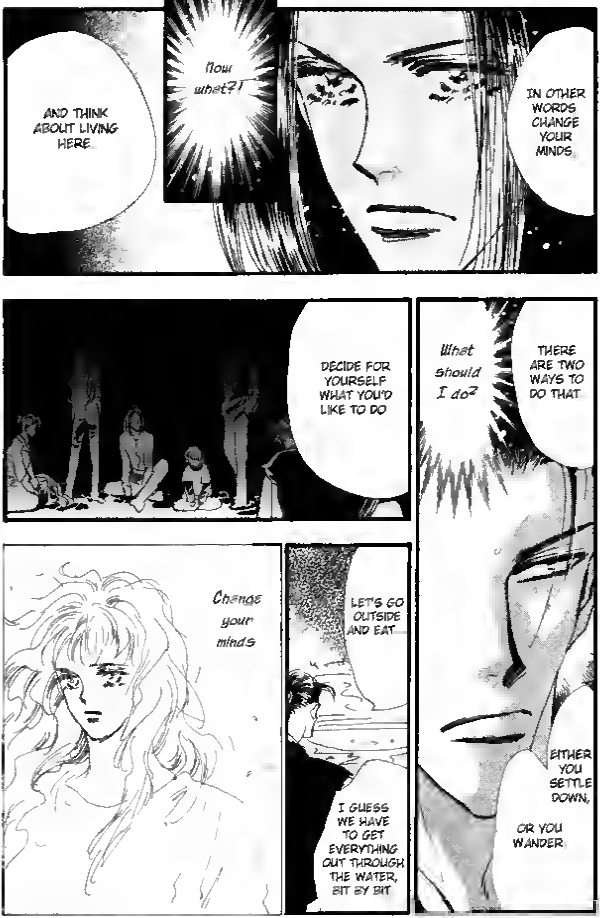
Maybe she's the last!
THAT IWASHIMIZU NATSU IS A WOMAN, ISN'T SHE?
SHE SURE IS A TOUGH AND BEAUTIFUL LADY
People who survived in a common way?
How about other people?
Arashi!
TEAM AUTUMN AND TEAM WINTER ARE SOMEWHERE TOO, RIGHT?
ALL IN ALL IT'S FIVE TIMES EIGHT LESS YANAGI
IF THEY'RE STILL ALIVE
THIS MEANS THERE ARE THIRTY-NINE PEOPLE HERE!
WELL HANA,
SNAP
WE DEFINITELY MADE ONE STEP FORWARD
CHEER UP!
Arashi!
I feel like crying.
SNAP
YEAH

CREAK
PSHUU
BAM BAM BAM
IT SOUNDS HOLLOW, SO IT'S ALRIGHT.
I'LL OPEN IT
HEY, HERE'S A DOOR
I WONDER WHAT'S BEHIND IT
DON'T OPEN IT HEEDLESSLY. IT MIGHT BE FLOODED
OH MY, OH MY.
A LIBRARY
BOOKS ON SURVIVAL: HOW TO BUILD A STOVE
ASTRONOMY AND METEOROLOGY
VARIOUS ILLUSTRATED BOOKS ON EASY FARMING?
OH!
EVEN AN ENCYCLOPAEDIA!
WHAT'S THIS?
BOOKS!
WOW!

Pant!
THERE ISN'T ANY MANGA HERE. I GUESS
WHO'D LEAVE US MANGA?
WHO SELECTED IT?
IT'S ONLY SPECIALIST BOOKS
THIS IS IRONIC ISN'T IT?
IN THE END...
ONLY THE ONE PRINTED ON PAPER IS LEFT BEHIND
FROM AN ENCYCLOPAEDIA WHICH FITS ON ONE CD NOWADAYS..
Books
THERE'S A BOOK IN MY BACKPACK TOO
THAT REMINDS ME.
From Arasin
I BORROWED IT FROM SOMEONE.
AND I GAVE BACK THE FIRST VOLUME AFTER I READ IT
Huh?
ONLY THE LATTER PART?
THE LATTER VOLUME OF ROBINSON CRUSOE
someone put it in there
CAUGHT WILD GOATS, TAMED THEM AND MADE CHEESE
HE GROUND WHEAT, BAKED BREAD, BREWED ALCOHOL AND LED A CAREFREE LIFE
HE BUILT A HOUSE, LAID OUT A FIELD,
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD NO LIBRARY
IT WON'T HELP US
THAT HERO IS TOO PERFECT
GOOD TIMING, ISN'T IT?
CAN IT BE OF HELP SOMEHOW?
never read it, though it's famous

HM. I WONDER IF IT COULD GO THIS WAY, TOO
Arashi has the first volume
I feel like
this is our only connection
AT LEAST HAVING A LIBRARY IS BETTER THAN NOTHING...
OH
THERE ARE VARIOUS MEDICAL BOOKS, TOO...
COME HERE EVERY-BODY...
AND LISTEN

I THINK...
WE HAVE TO TURN OVER OUR IDEA.
WE HAD AN ACCIDENT!
AND WE SURVIVED!
THAT ALL OF US...
HAVE VANISHED
BUT...
THERE IS NO NORMAL LIFE ANYMORE THAT WE COULD RETURN TO.
IT SEEMS.
WE THOUGHT THAT WE HAD AN ACCIDENT...
AND THAT WE COULD GO BACK TO OUR ORDINARY LIVES


Now what?!
IN OTHER WORDS CHANGE YOUR MINDS
AND THINK ABOUT LIVING HERE
What should I do?
THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO DO THAT
DECIDE FOR YOURSELF WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO
EITHER YOU SETTLE DOWN,
OR YOU WANDER
Change your minds
LET'S GO OUTSIDE AND EAT
I GUESS WE HAVE TO GET EVERYTHING OUT THROUGH THE WATER, BIT BY BIT

If Aoshi isn't here anywhere...
what am I doing here?
That can't be it.
Who should I marry and have children with...?
Just keep on living...?
Do I accept deep in my heart...
that Aoshi probably isn't here anymore...?

What
is the point in staying alive, then?

What's the use of
keeping on living here?

Living only for the sake of being alive
I can't do that!
How people who chose us without asking us
listen closely.
Even though Arashi isn't here?
for what purpose?
HANA
HANA!
I don't need it
But without him
I don't even have any use for heaven
If Arashi was with me
I'd even be able to live in hell.

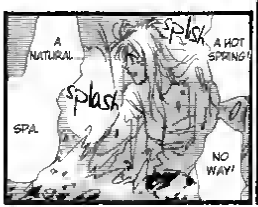
AH!
CRACK
HANA!
If I fall down...
If I fall...
If I fall...
I'll die.

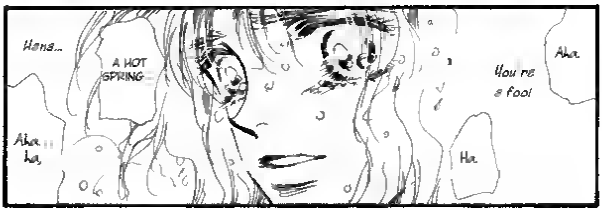
GRAB
If I
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
If I let go
If I let go!
crack

no!
HANA!
crack
rustle
SLOSH
SPLASH
SPLASH?
HEY! HANA,
ARE YOU ALIVE?
IS THERE WATER DOWN THERE?

A HOT SPRING?
Splsh

IT'S WARM...


A NUTURAL SPA.
Splash
Splsh
A HOT SPRING!
NO WAY!


Hana...
A HOT SPRING...
Aha.
You're a fool
Aha. ha.
Ha.

If you die
Aha.
you can never meet Arashi
ha.
ha.

HOW LONG SINCE I LAST HAD A BATH!
EEK!
YIPEE! YAHOO!
DIRTY FELLOW!
SO I DON'T CARE
I HATE BATHS,
That's why...
YEAH,
I FELL DOWN FROM AN OUT CROP
IT'S A LITTLE STEEP, BUT THERE'S A ROUTE WHERE YOU CAN GO DOWN, TOO.
There's a bit of a current and it's not very clear
That's why...
A HOT SPRING?!
What?!
AN OPEN-AIR BATH?!
It's rice that doesn't need to be washed
THERE WAS RICE IN THE DEPOT SO I BOILED SOME
There were pots too
I'll live
LET'S MAKE DINNER FIRST, THEN
I WASN'T SURE ABOUT HOW MUCH WATER I NEEDED.
BUT PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I'VE HAD RICE!
Wah! Eek!
AS FOR SIDE DISHES
THERE'S TINNED FOOD, TOO
BUT I SUPPOSE ITS MINIMUM USE BY DATE WAS EXCEEDED A LONG TIME AGO
Should we try it?
Mother's found food

these things...
A bath...
nice...
these things...
only...
I'm alive...
and I'm having white rice.
I'm hungry
until keep me alive

and eating rice, too.
Arashi's alive...
Hopefully...
WELL YOU KNOW.
I ALREADY GAVE UP ON MY WISH TO DIE.
I'D NEVER DO THAT
HUH?
ME?
SAY,
YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DROWN YOURSELF JUST THEN, DID YOU?
THAT'S WHY...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE BECAUSE YOU WERE BEING CARELESS.
SINCE I THINK THIS WILL BE FUN TOGETHER WITH YOU.

HMPH
WELL
BUT THEY DIDN'T LEAVE US MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OR MUSIC
THOSE GENTLEMEN LEFT US BOOKS,
FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME
THANK YOU
WELL
HARU
THAT'S HOW IT IS

HMM.
I'M SURE THERE'S A CONSTRUCTION PLAN IN THAT ENCYCLOPAEDIA.
BUILD A PIANO?!
WE SHOULD BUILD A PIANO

TSUNOMATA
I WANT TO BECOME A DOCTOR AFTER ALL
WHAT'S SO INTERESTING ABOUT AN ANATOMY CHART?

LISTEN, EVERYBODY.
don't pull my hair
OW OW OW.
OKAY.
IF YOU FAIL I'LL CHANT A SUTRA FOR YOU.
DON'T WORRY.
THERE'S WATER AND A HOT SPRING HERE TOO
THERE'S ALSO FOOD IN THAT DEPOT
HOW ABOUT MAKING THIS OUR HOME BASE?
I THINK THAT TRAVELLING ALL THE TIME ISN'T GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH
WE CAN MOVE AROUND FURTHER LITTLE BY LITTLE,
AND LEARN FROM ROBINSON CRUSOE FIRST
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Sooner or later we'll know what it means

I believe that we'll meet...
Please beware of the animals.
Good luck to you.
Iwashimizu Natsu

There was one sentence at the end of that letter that I couldn't get out of my mind

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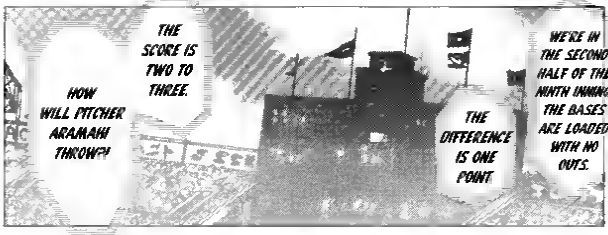

WE'RE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE NINTH INNING. THE BASES ARE LOADED WITH NO OUTS.
THE DIFFERENCE IS ONE POINT.
THE SCORE IS TWO TO THREE.
HOW WILL PITCHER ARAMAKI THROW?!

STRAIGHT.

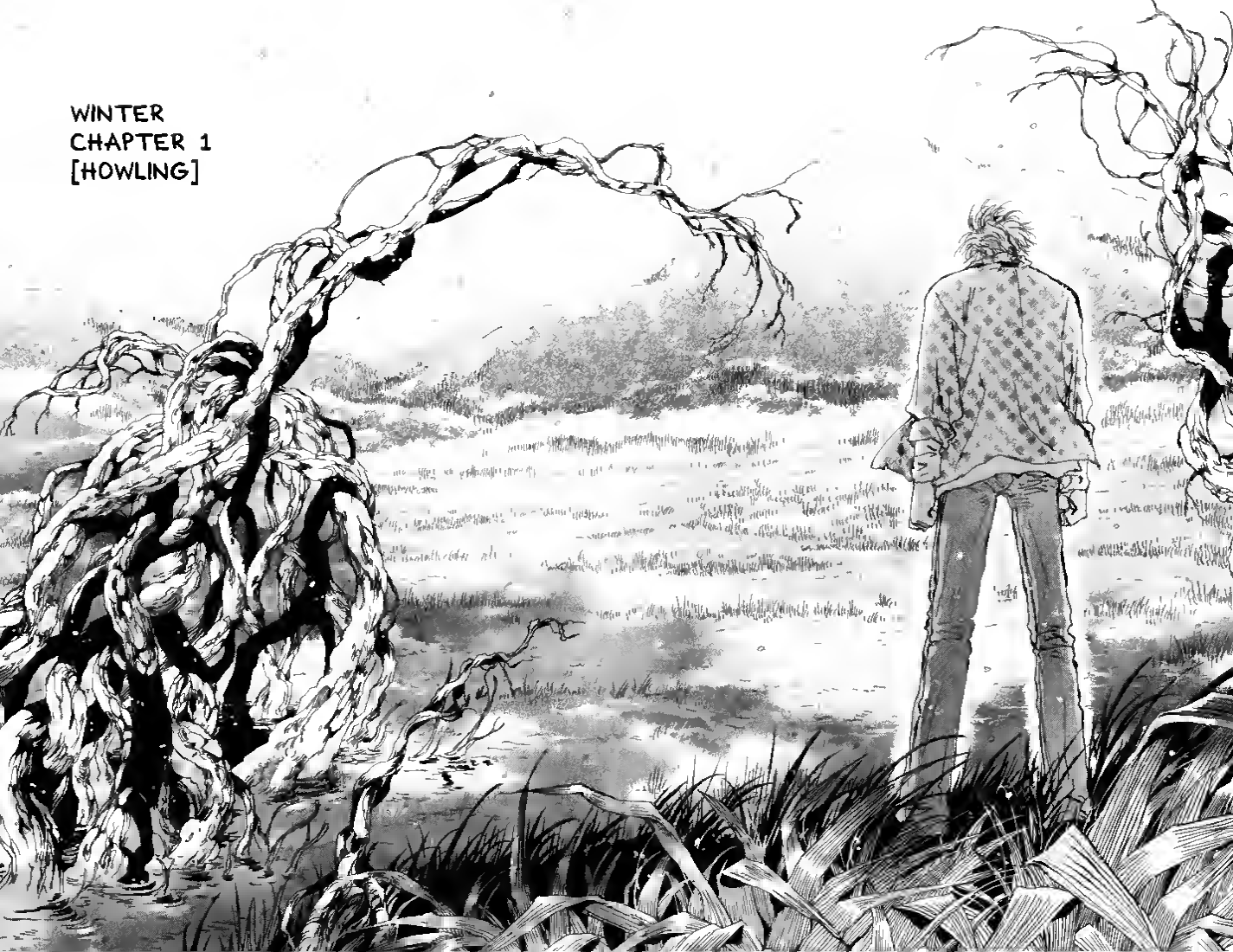
Are
we...

loved...

by God...

or are we hated?

HE THREW!
PITCHER AKAMAI!
What we...


WINTER
CHAPTER 1
[HOWLING]

Tiny Tamu Tamu Time (2)

The story's about a different team again. Sorry for the mess.

On cold days I put an extract of Chinese quinces and mash of pickle ginger into hot water and drink it when it's still warm. It's delicious.

Tamu

I GUESS SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THE THAWING PROCESS.

We, team Winter
were five people from the beginning.

I'M KUMAKAWA, YOUR GUIDE.
AND I THINK THAT THIS IS HOKKAIDO.
THAT'S WHAT PROJECT "7 SEEDS" IS ABOUT IN THE WHOLE.
YOU WERE CHOSEN AND SENT TO THE FUTURE.
LET'S GO TO MT. MEAKANDAKE FOR A START.
ONCE I'VE FOUND OUT ABOUT OUR POSITION...
WE'RE SOMEWHERE ON THE SOUTHERN COAST LINE.
WE OUGHT TO BE.
or what that nonsense was all about.
There was no time to wonder...
about how I got here...
Hokkaido...?

I'M ARAMAKI TAKAHIRO.
SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL
ARAMAKI!?
GO AHEAD PLEASE
NICE TO MEET YOU
OH. OKAY
THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HOKKAIDO
I'M KAREZONO MUTSUKI UNIVERSITY FIRST YEAR
OH.
THE ONE THEY CALL THE BEST PITCHER OF THE LAST FIFTY YEARS?
THE...
ARAMAKI TAKAHIRO?!
ARAMAKI TAKAHIRO?!
THE ACE FROM FUJISAWAICHI HIGH?!

I'M SAMEJIMA FROM AKISHIMA INDUSTRIES!
SAMEJIMA FUBUKI!
ME! YOU DON'T KNOW ME?
I'm not that great
OH...
I'M ARAMAKI
FROM THE BASEBALL TEAM. BUT,
WHO ARE YOU?
OF THIS CENTURY, YOU SAY? BUT, THAT ONLY JUST STARTED
I'M FAMOUS TOO, HUH?
Eke
OHO! And that boss from Akishima, who's called a big slugger
AH
THE BEST SHORT STOP OF THIS CENTURY!
WHAT? ARE YOU BOTH HIGH SCHOOL BALL BOYS?
WE WERE DEFEATED SHORTLY AFTER THAT, TOO
OUR BEST RESULT IS FOUR STOPS EVERY TIME
THOUGH, I HOPED THAT I COULD HAVE SMACKED YOU TO PIECES THERE
IF WE'D HAVE WON..
ONE MORE TIME AT THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT.
AH...
I'M SO HAPPY THAT I CAN MEET YOU HERE
WE WERE TO HAVE MET WITH ONE ANOTHER AT THE SEMI FINALS IN YOUR KOSHIEN STADIUM.

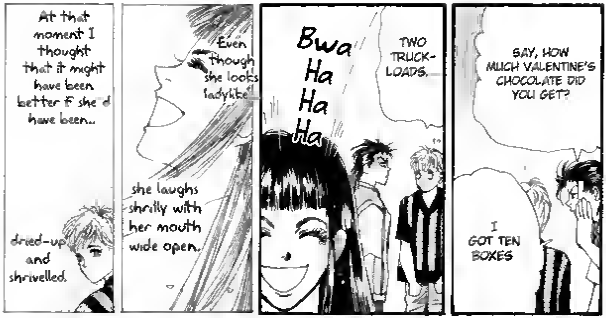
Ha
Ha
Ha
I NEVER KEEP TO THE RULES,
Ha
Ha
Ha
Ha
SINCE I'M FROM THE WILDER ARMY CORPS!
What would I do without my hair?

FROM BEING ILL-BRED AND VULGAR
IS QUITE DIFFER-ENT...
BEING A WILDER...

SINCE THEY CHOSE TWO BASEBALL PLAYERS...
WHAT?!
JAPAN'S OLD MEN MUST LIKE BASEBALL..

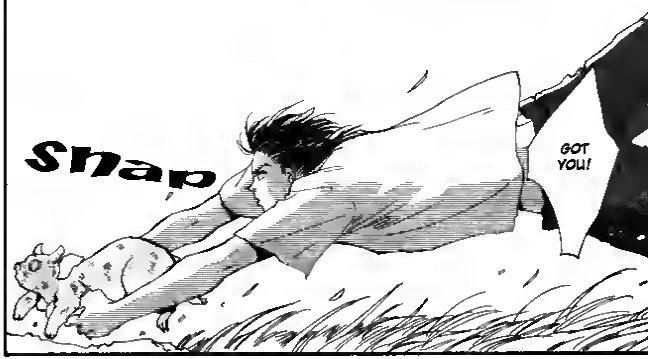
MY HAIR NEVER WAS...
YOUR HAIR ISN'T CROPPED CLOSELY.
THAT SHORT.
It's grown longer...
while I was sleeping?
It have been...
Maybe...
dried-up and shrivelled with time, too.

Woah! What a beauty.
Her skin's snow-white
I'M KAGURAZAKA MITSURU
TAKA! WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!
WHAT?! SHE'S BORING!
She looks like that
Yeah, yeah
SHE'S THE HOPE OF JAPAN'S DANCE WORLD
OH MAN!
PITCHERS MUST BE REALLY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS
blush
YOU'RE SWEET, TOO
THANK YOU
TAKA
OH
I'VE NEVER SEEN
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN BEFORE

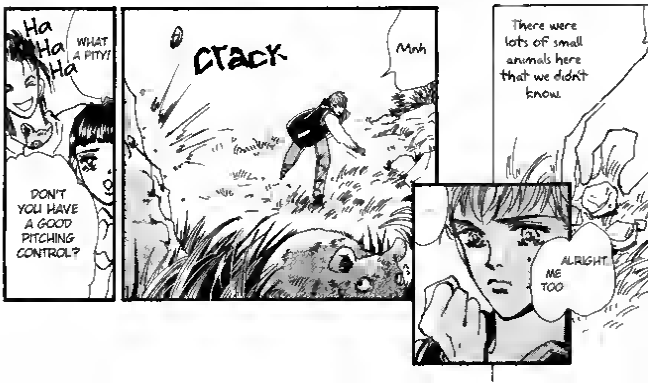

At that moment I thought that it might have been better if she'd have been...
dried-up and shrivelled.
Even though she looks ladylike
she laughs shrilly with her mouth wide open.
Bwa Ha Ha Ha
TWO TRUCK-LOADS.
SAY, HOW MUCH VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE DID YOU GET?
I GOT TEN BOXES

EVEN IF SHE'S THE LAST WOMAN ON EARTH...
DON'T GET INTO HER CLUTCHES TAKA!
SHE'S EVIL.

GET IT!
OVER THERE!
IT COMES!
IT'S OUR DINNER!
UWAH!
I think we still took things easy.


Snap
GOT YOU!

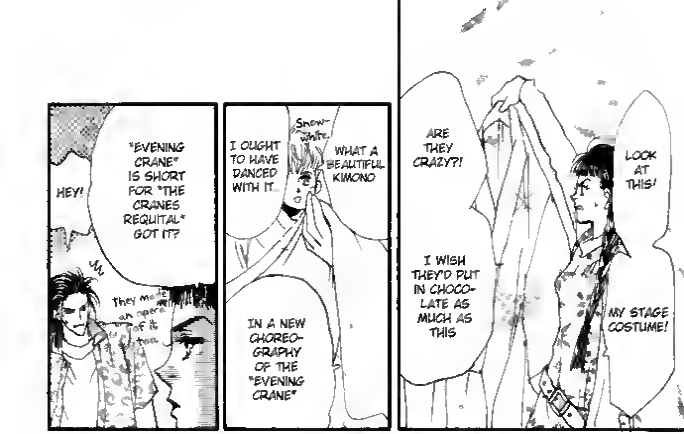
WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW?!
OHO!
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
YOU'RE LOUD
RIGHT?!
Ha Ha
THOUGHT YOU COULD GET AWAY FROM MY GROUND AT MY FLANK, HUH?
Ha Ha
INDEED!
The best short stop of this century!


Ha Ha Ha
WHAT A PITY!
DON'T YOU HAVE A GOOD PITCHING CONTROL?
CTack
Mnh
There were lots of small animals here that we didn't know.
ALRIGHT, ME TOO

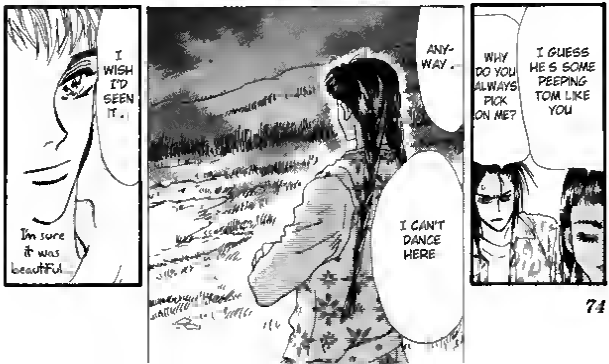
I'M NOT GOOD
THAT WE'D LOST AT THE KOSHIEN TOURNAMENT...
WAS BECAUSE OF MY WILD PITCHING, TOO
IF I WAS IN YOUR TEAM
pat
THAT'S NOT TRUE
pat
YOUR BATSMAN IS WEAK
WE'D WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP, I BET!
WE'D HOLD THE TITLE THE ENTIRE SEASON!
Ha Ha
Ha Ha Ha
WE'RE THE MAJOR'S LEAGUE!
YOU GET ALONG WELL, HUH?
WE GOT LOTS OF HERBS AND FRUITS.
LET'S MAKE A MEAL OF IT.

I don't know anymore why I wanted to go to Todo
A LANDSCAPE ONCE SEEN BY ME IS NEVER FORGOTTEN
THERE WASN'T A COASTLINE LIKE THIS
I WAS OFTEN THERE TO TAKE PICTURES
AS RELAXATION FOR STUDYING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS...
MUTSUKI, YOU SAID AT THE BEGINNING THAT THIS DIDN'T LOOK LIKE HOKKAIDO
DO YOU KNOW HOKKAIDO WELL?
IF WE KEEP GOING LIKE THIS WE'LL EXPLOIT ALL THE EDIBLE THINGS
I DON'T KNOW OUR POSITION...
I'D LIKE TO MOVE, BUT...
THE TERRAIN MIGHT HAVE CHANGED...
something strange happened.
And then...
We laid what was left of the bodies to rest.
WHAT THE HECK?
I WANTED TO BURY THEM WHEN I'D HAVE SOME TIME FOR IT...
DID SOMEONE MOVE IT?
ONE OF THE CORPSES IS GONE.
I'D NEVER TOUCH IT!
It's creepy!

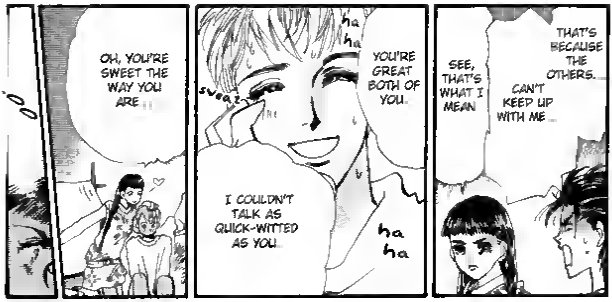
TAKA!
LET'S PLAY CATCH
WITH EMPTY HANDS!
YOU'VE GOT A BALL?!
IT WAS IN MY BAGGAGE
BUT THEN I WISH THEY'D PUT IN A COMPLETE OUTFIT.
YOUR PARENTS ARE WISE
IT ONLY MEANS TROUBLE TO PACK UP THINGS FULL OF MEMORIES


ARE THEY CRAZY?!
LOOK AT THIS!
I WISH THEY'D PUT IN CHOCOLATE AS MUCH AS THIS
MY STAGE COSTUME!
Snow-white.
I OUGHT TO HAVE DANCED WITH IT.
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL KIMONO
IN A NEW CHOREOGRAPHY OF THE "EVENING CRANE"
HEY!
"EVENING CRANE" IS SHORT FOR "THE CRANES REQUITAL" GOT IT?
They must be an expert of it, too.

AN INJURED CRANE IS SAVED
AND IN REQUITAL OF THE KINDNESS IT TURNS INTO A GIRL AND WEAVES A CLOTH
EVEN THOUGH SHE SAID THAT HE MUSN'T LOOK WHILE SHE WEAVES IT NO MATTER WHAT, HE LOOKED.
AND SINCE THAT "YOHYO" GUY'S SUCH AN IDIOT
THEY PART!


I GUESS HE'S SOME PEEPING TOM LIKE YOU
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS PICK ON ME?
ANY-WAY...
I CAN'T DANCE HERE
I WISH I'D SEEN IT...
I'm sure it was beautiful...

I DANCE THE FAREWELL DANCE OF THE CRANE
NO. THEY TOLD ME THAT I COULDN'T INTERPRET IT.....
SINCE I WAS LOUSY
BUT I CAN'T GRASP ITS SORROW
CAN'T UNDER-STAND THE PAIN OF A TRAGIC LOVE...
AN ARROGANT WOMAN WHO'S SO CONCEITED WHEN IT COMES TO HER OWN BEAUTY...
WELL, SURE YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND THAT
OH! IF IT'S A MAN IT'S SELF-CONFIDENCE, BUT IF IT'S A WOMAN IT'S ARROGANCE. HUH?
ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE AS RECKLESS AS YOU...
THAT'S A PRETTY ONE-SIDED VIEW OF THINGS
WHO BRINGS DISCORD INTO A TEAM
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL GO UNDER HERE FIRST...


THAT'S BECAUSE THE OTHERS... CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ME...
SEE, THAT'S WHAT I MEAN
YOU'RE GREAT BOTH OF YOU.
ha ha
sweat
I COULDN'T TALK AS QUICK-WITTED AS YOU.
ha ha
OH, YOU'RE SWEET THE WAY YOU ARE...
...oo

AWOOOO
rustle
AWOOOO

IT HOWLS LIKE THIS
SO THERE IS SOMETHING
THEY IMPORTED WOLVES?
THAT'S CRAZY!!
First they raised them out and now they eat them?
ANYWAY
NO, BUT I HEARD
THAT THEY IMPORTED WOLVES FROM RUSSIA AND EUROPE BECAUSE THE GAME HAD BRED...
A WOLF!
WHA,
IT'S THE HOWLING OF A WOLF
WHAT'S THAT?
THERE AREN'T ANY WOLVES IN JAPAN!
A DOG?!

There's something—
quite different, too.
There aren't only small animals here.

YOU'RE ENERGETIC HUH.
MUTSUKI
IS THERE A LANDSCAPE THAT YOU RECOGNISE?
Ahh
LET'S GO LOOK FOR SOME FOOD.

IF IT'S HOKKAIDO, I WONDER IF THERE ARE BEARS HERE.
I SAID STOP IT!
STOP IT.
WOLVES MIGHT TURN UP
BE CARE-FUL
HEY TAKA!
NICE CATCH.

IF I DON'T PLAY BASE-BALL...
I'LL DIE
THAT'S RIGHT
I CAN'T IMAGINE...
NOT PRACTISING FOR SUCH A LONG TIME
WELL, I'LL SEARCH FOR PEOPLE
IF WE GET NINE PEOPLE TOGETHER WE CAN PLAY BASEBALL
YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH NINE PEOPLE
DON'T YOU NEED EIGHT-EEN PEOPLE?
EVEN A TRIAN-GULAR FIELD WOULD BE FINE WITH ME.
That still isn't enough.

Where...
has the Koshien tournament gone?
If we really want to get into the spring selected teams...
I'LL DEFEND THE INNER FIELD AS WELL AS THE OUTER FIELD BY MYSELF.
we ought to have practised really hard at this time of the year.
SO LET'S PLAY!
It's far away
SAY, DO YOU THINK WE CAN EAT THESE?
rustle
rustle
OH

WHO THE HECK?
THE CORPSES ARE GONE
BOTH OF THEM!
HEY!
THE GRAVE HAS BEEN DUG UP!

OH,
IT SEEMS TO BE INJURED
IS IT THE ONE THAT HOWLED?
NO IT'S SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT
GO BACK SLOWLY
IS THAT A WOLF?
OR A DOG?
hff
hff
hff

rustle
rustle
HUH?
EEEK!
GROWL
BARK
I DON'T LIKE DOGS
SO WHAT?
I HATE DOGS! CATS ARE OKAY!
rustle
DRAG
DRAG

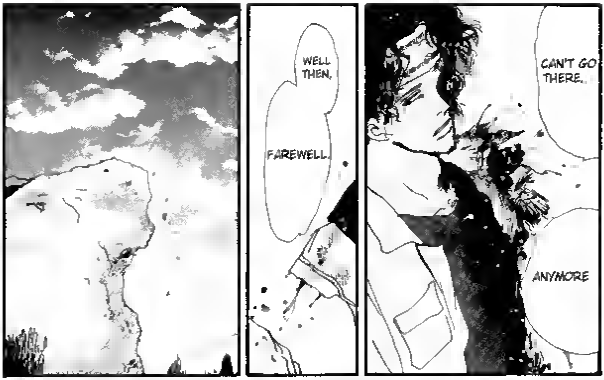
THE ONE WHO TOOK AWAY THE MUMMIES
WAS THIS BEAST.
IT EATS.
HUMANS.
KUMAKAWA!
Roar
HOWL
BARK
Roar

rustle
crack
HERE IT COMES!
Waaa!
crack
NO.
HUH?
THROW, TAKA!
TOWARDS ME!
TOWARDS THE TIGER?!
BY 150 KILOS,
A LITTLE BIT HIGHER THAN MY HEART IS.
COME ON!

At that moment...
I felt like I could see it
WHACK

Over Koshien Stadium.
The sunlight...
Official Victory Baseball
BOOM
KUMA-KAWA.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YELP
YELP

WHAT ABOUT MUTSUKI?!
HE'S DEAD
OH NO!
NO WAY!
REALLY?
THEN, LET'S GO!
IT'S NORTH-EAST
YOU SHOULD GO THIS WAY
THANK GOD! YOU'RE UNHURT, RIGHT?
YEAH,
BUT I,
I THINK IT LEADS TO MT MEAKANDAKE
THERE'S A MOUNTAIN RANGE THAT I REMEMBER DIMLY
KUMAKAWA WAS JUST ATTACKED .


WELL THEN,
FAREWELL.
CAN'T GO THERE,
ANYMORE

there were only the three of us left
And so...

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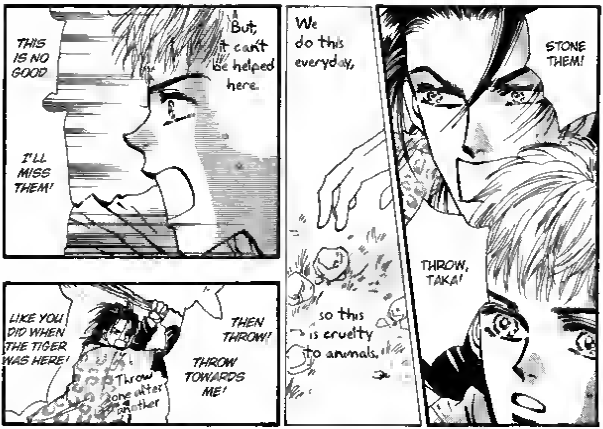
CHAPTER 2
[RAIN AT NIGHT]
hff
Yelp
I'M SURE YOU WERE ATTACKED BY THAT TIGER LOOKING BEAST TOO, RIGHT?
I DON'T HAVE MUCH MEDICINE BUT I THINK IT'LL BE OKAY LIKE THIS
There were only the three of us left
TAKA!
LEAVE THAT DOG ALONE
IT'S DANGER-OUS
It could be ill
Maybe it's a wolf
No matter if it's a dog or a wolf..
For some reason I wanted it to recover

WINTER
CHAPTER 2
[RAIN AT NIGHT]
As Mutsuki told us before he passed away...
we set out to the mountain ranges in the north-east.
RUMBLE
WOAH! LOOK AT THE ANIMALS!
THERE'S LOTS OF THEM!


THIS IS NO GOOD
But, it can't be helped here.
I'LL MISS THEM!
We do this everyday,
so this is cruelty to animals.
STONE THEM!
THROW, TAKA!
LIKE YOU DID WHEN THE TIGER WAS HERE!
Throw one after another
THEN THROW!
THROW TOWARDS ME!

THAN THE RUMOURS SAY...
Those big talking guys
HE HIT IT!
HIS BAT CONTROL IS BETTER...
BANG
There's no help for it but
BANG
Ngh
BANG
Ngh
Ngh
BANG
ARE THESE SHRIMPS?
OR CRABS?
LOOK!
IN THE RIVER!
UFU FU FU
MITSURU, ARE YOU WELL INFORMED ON BASEBALL?
OH!

Both Fukuko and Mitsuru are fearless and adventurous
MEAT! MEAT! ROAST MEAT!
LET'S COOK THEM
IF IT'S TOO MUCH IT'LL BE DRIED MEAT.
Wah! It's burned!
I wonder if we can eat these?
Responsible for vegetables
I WONDER IF WE CAN EAT THEM.
IT'S NOT SAID THAT WE COULDN'T EAT THEM, RIGHT?
that we managed everything well so far
EAT!
Mm! Tough
I think...
TAKA!
YOU'RE THE TASTER
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
THAT'S RIGHT. BUT...
YOU DON'T LIKE FISH
NEED HAS NO LAW...
IF ONLY THERE WERE FISH IN THE RIVER.
Why aren't there any?
Sshh
Sshh
Sshh
It rained often.

SO OF COURSE I KNOW YOU, TOO
I'M A GREAT FAN OF HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
I always watch it on TV and I read its magazines
WHAT?!
FROM YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD TO YOUR SHOE SIZE
UFU FU FU
YOU KNOW, TO BE HONEST...
WHY WERE YOU SURE THAT MY TEAM WOULD BE DEFEATED FIRST HERE?
THAT'S RIGHT! MITSURU
It'd be a shame if I said it myself!
You said something like that before!
SHE'S WELL INFORMED ON BASEBALL
SHHH
YOU COULD HAVE TOLD US EARLIER!
WELL,
THAT I'M WITH YOU...
THAT'S WHY...
I'M REALLY HAPPY...

I ABSOLUTELY TRUST SOMEONE.
WHO PUTS HIS HEART AND SOUL INTO HIS DOING.
AT LEAST I KNOW
WHERE YOU LIVED WITH MIGHT AND MAIN
SINCE YOU'RE MY HEROES.
IS SO SWEET.
Mitsuru
I'M REALLY
GLAD

I think...
I like her...
THAT MY HERO— IS SUCH AN IDIOT
is disappointing
I DON'T MIND. YOU CAN DEPEND ON ME!
I SEE! SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!
UWHOOO
WHAT?
MOOO
IT FOLLOWED US.
I WONDER IF THAT'S THAT WOLF DOG.
SINCE YOU TREATED ITS INJURIES!

WELL, MAKING A LIVING IS HARDER ON THE BODY THAN I EXPECTED
wheeze wheeze
And out of pure habit we ran, too.
I'm tired out every day

Maybe I won't be able
to play baseball anymore.

LISTEN.
WE'LL PLAY SOME DAY!
BASEBALL!

But...
IF I heard that dog's voice...
I could sleep free from fear for some reason.

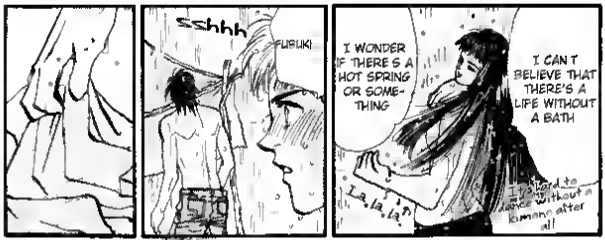
We ate, slept, did our laundry,
hunted and moved on.

IN THE SAME TEAM!
But being with Fuluki...
makes me feel like I'm the only one.
HOW ABOUT YOU, FURUKI?
Even though I'm such a nice guy
BUT, I WONDER WHY SHE HATES ME?
I GUESS SHE LIKES YOU,
It's changing the subject though
BY THE WAY,
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MITSURU?
WHA...
WHAT I THINK...?
YOU LIKE HER, RIGHT?
THAT'S A SECRET!
BUT, I DON'T DISLIKE WOMEN,
WHO SAY WHAT THEY THINK...
SHE'S AN IMPUDENT WOMAN!

Kumakawa, our guide,
told us that there must have been goods stored
at Mt. Meankandake, one of the seven Fujis.
Will there be people...
or not?
We had a lot of rain.
Sshh
I got shampoo, Diamond.
MY HEAD ITCHES
I WISH I HAD SHAMPOO!
You can see my ribs.
I'VE ONLY GOT A LITTLE SOAP LEFT.
Do you think we can use it?

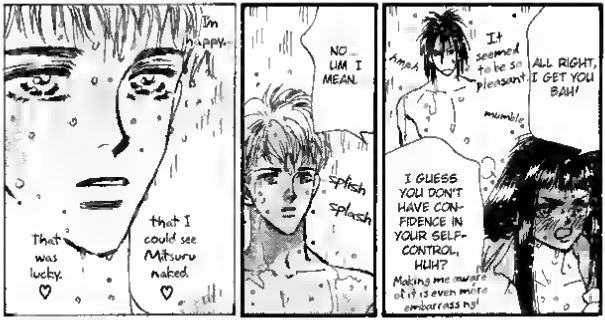
HEY, YOU TWO!
THIS MIGHT BE HORRIBLE ACID RAIN
WELL,
SO LET ME JOIN YOU
IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

sshhh
MI, MI, MI, MI MITSURU!!

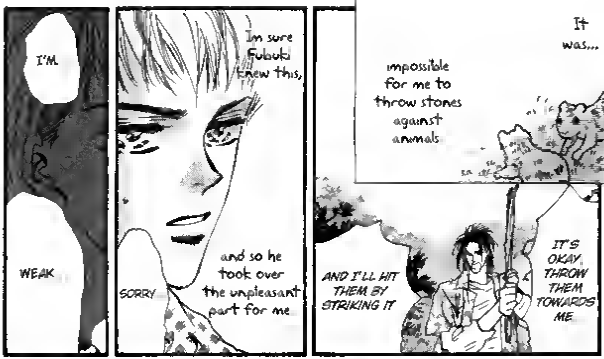

sshhh
FUSUKI
I WONDER IF THERE'S A HOT SPRING OR SOMETHING
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A LIFE WITHOUT A BATH
It's hard to dance without a kimono after all!
La, la, la

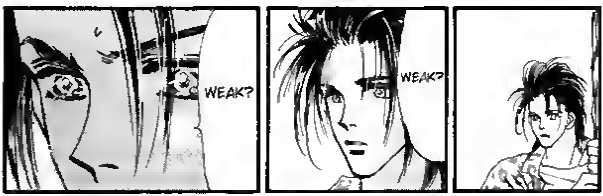
DRESS YOURSELF

TAKA
IND I
SEE YOU.
THAT'S
NO
GOOD.
WHY?
NO
ONE WILL
SEE ME
ANYWAY.


I'm happy.
that I could see Mitsuru naked.
That was lucky.
NO— UM I MEAN
Splish Splash
I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR SELF-CONTROL, HUH?
Making me aware of it is even more embarrassing!
It seemed to be so pleasant.
Amen
ALL RIGHT, I GET YOU BAH!
mumble

I think...
that I'm no match for him.
that Fubuki is serious...
I'm sure...
Yeah,


I'M
WEAK
I'm sure Fukuki knew this,
SORRY
and so he took over the unpleasant part for me
It was...
impossible for me to throw stones against animals
AND I'LL HIT THEM BY STRIKING IT
IT'S OKAY, THROW THEM TOWARDS ME

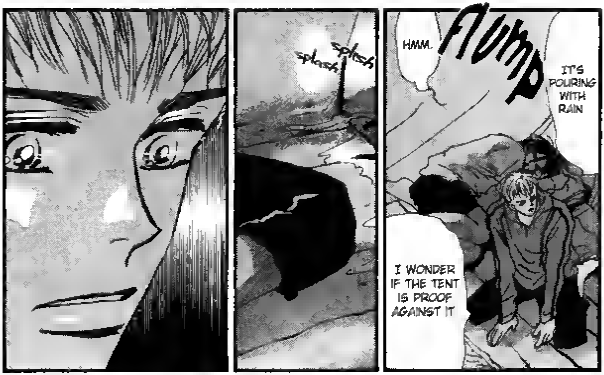

WEAK?
WEAK?

WAAH! SORRY!
WEAK, YOU SAY?!

AND THERE WASN'T...
EVEN ONE WEAK PITCHER!
LISTEN!
I'VE ALWAYS PLAYED BASEBALL FROM THE YOUTH TEAM IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL...
TO HIGH SCHOOL
YOU WON THE KOSHIEN TOURNAMENT TEN TIMES IN A ROW,
SO WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
If you compete next year you'll set up a new record I bet
You gave me a start, you know!
YOU HAVE TO THROW A BALL WHICH YOUR PLAYMATE CAN RECEIVE EASILY
YOU ALSO HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE MOVEMENTS OF THE OTHERS WHILE THE BALL FLIES
Tsuguki is called the best short stop of this century
MITSURU.
I READ ONCE,
THAT YOU NEED FELLOW FEELING FOR A SECOND RUN OR A SHORT STOP
It was because of my ball...
that we lost the last tournament

Oh... I see.
Mitsuru's eyes...
watching Mitsuru.
AS I SEE IT
FUBUKI CARES A LOT ABOUT OTHERS
I'm...
So that's how it is...
"KOSHIEN"
ALL RIGHT! THEN LET'S START!
OKAY!
blah blah
I JUST WANTED TO SUGGEST THAT
WITH WORDS FROM BASE-BALL
LET'S PLAY SHIRITORI*!
IT'S BORING WITHOUT TV
We passed lots of evenings
*JAPANESE SYLLABLE GUESSING GAME THE WORDS MUSTN'T END WITH AN "N"

We had a great deal of rain
It became colder.
"STRIKE"
"KOREAN BASEBALL"
"SLAUGHTER RULE"
"UMPIRES"
"STADIUM"
"KLEMENS"
"LOU PINERA"
"LOU GERRICK"
"SUZUKI ICHIRO"
"RAMIRES"
"SCORES"
Thank God I thought you wanted to make a fool of yourself. Even more.
GRRuooo
Gasp
sshhh
And one rainy night...
sshhh
Vooo
The dog's voice...
sounded different...
sshhh
than normal.


splash
splash
HMM.
PLUMP
IT'S POURING WITH RAIN
I WONDER IF THE TENT IS PROOF AGAINST IT

WE SHOULD HAVE MOVED...
splash
WOAH! DAMN!
FUBUKI! THE WATER

LIH
CHLP

Shhh

GEEZ!
WHAT'S THIS?!
THE GRASSY PLAIN
HAS TURNED INTO A RIVER!
ゴゴゴ

SO WE WON'T BE SWEPT AWAY!
GRUMBLE
HURRY UP!
LET'S TIE OURSELVES TOGETHER WITH A ROPE
LET'S WALK TO A HIGHER PLACE OVER THERE!
WE HAVE TO RUN TO SAFETY!
GET YOUR THINGS TOGETHER!
THIS PLACE WILL BE FLOODED SOON TOO!

KEEP YOUR FOOTING!
LET'S GO!

COME ON!
SPLASH
WE WON'T SWIM.
WE CAN STILL MAKE IT!
WE'LL CROSS IT BY FOOT
I CAN'T SWIM.
I...

The last ball...

got stuck in the back stop.

The losses were filled with one point difference.

The trainer told me...

that I was extremely weak.

TAKA!
that I couldn't throw straight
thoroughly convinced...
He must have been....
AHEAD
GO ON...
And I ran away.
I WAS ON THE MOUND...
SEE?!
TAKA,
LISTEN,
THEY WERE SHORT OF MEN YOU KNOW
AT AN OPEN GAME JUST ONCE
YOU CAN WALK THROUGH !!!
SPLASH

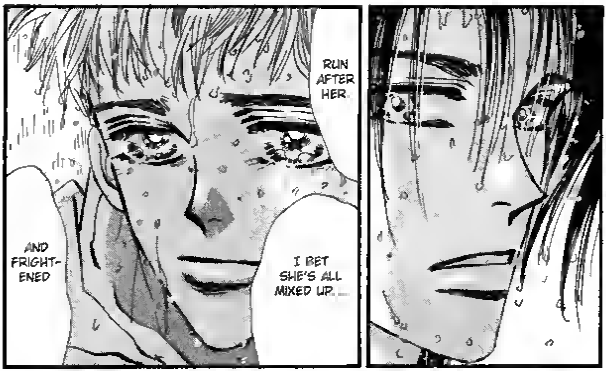
I WANTED...
TO PLAY THE GAME AS PITCHER
I WAS THERE, ON MY OWN
MY LEGS WERE SHAKING
I COULDN'T DO IT
I WAS SO AFRAID
I FELT FORLORN
AND FRIGHTENED
OPPRESSED
I...
THAT'S WHY I WANTED IT
I HAVE RESPECT FOR YOU PEOPLE

I'LL PROTECT YOU WITH MY BODY NO MATTER WHAT.
WILL GET YOU THERE, I SWEAR.
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU
TO BE WORRIED ABOUT!!
IF I'M WITH YOU...
THAT'S WHY IT'S ALL RIGHT.

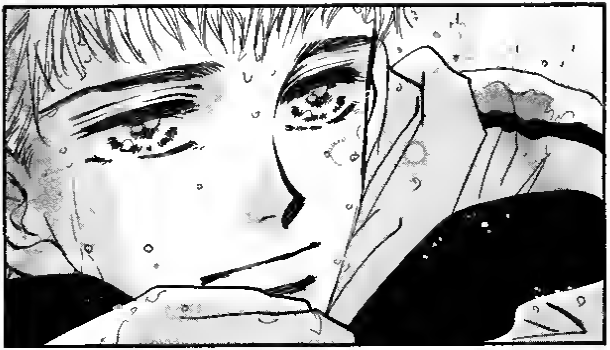
I'M WITH YOU, TOO DON'T WORRY
STOP COMPLAINING AND LET'S GO!
OH MAN TAKA!
Cough
What do you mean, complain now?
YOU'RE THE PITCHER WHO I ALWAYS IMAGINED
TO BE MY TRAINING-PARTNER THE ENTIRE LAST YEAR!
THAT YOU THREW IN A ROW?
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT I HIT THE STONES
WAS MY DREAM!
SPLASH
STRIKING YOUR BALL
MITSURU!
TAKA!
YOU TWO!
LET'S GO.
COME ON!
HERE GOES!

we will.

I feel like..
cough
That dog has told us about it by its howling
Wheeze Wheeze
IF WE'D NOTICED TOO LATE...
WE'D HAVE BEEN WASHED AWAY ALTOGETHER
WHAT?!
HEY YOU!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION...
I'VE RESCUED YOU, HAVEN'T I?
YOU'VE FELT ME UP PROPERLY, HUH?
MITSURU LIKES YOU
DAMN! WHAT'S SHE TALKING...
I WASN'T AFRAID AT ALL
I'M ALL RIGHT
THAT WOMAN!
IT'S FLOODED COMPLETELY.


RUN AFTER HER.
I BET SHE'S ALL MIXED UP...
AND FRIGHTENED

she's angry and ashamed.
On top of being afraid...
that she was being saved, I guess.



These were footprints of that tyec

And then the temperature went down rapidly.

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WINTER CHAPTER 3
[THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAINBOW]
IT'S COLD
SO COLD
DAMN COLD!
COLD
COLD
IF YOU KEEP SAYING THAT IT WILL NEVER GET WARMER

ALRIGHT
IT'S DECIDED.
IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE SNOW
Stop your ill stories.
IF THIS REALLY IS HOKKAIDO
I don't know if the seasons are still the same as they used to be
WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF WINTER IS LIKE THIS
THERE WAS A MOVIE LIKE THIS IN THE PAST.
SOMEONE CLIMBED UP A SNOW MOUNTAIN JUST TO DIE THERE
He was last before God

To say nothing of the cold...
something happened which frightened us
hff
hff
Until it becomes warmer!
LET'S SEARCH FOR A CAVERN OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
AND LET'S SETTLE DOWN THERE FOR A WHILE!
AYE!
THAT'S IT

Tiny Tamu-Tamu Time (3)

I often eat hot Korean Pickles lately (I never ate them in the past.) Since I always liked miso soup, I thought I'd probably like that too

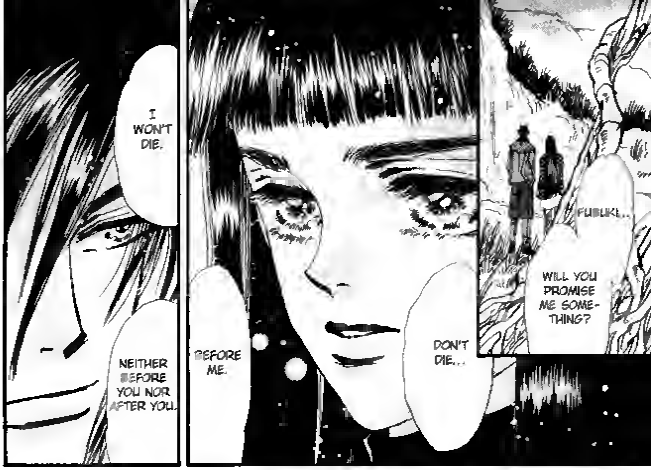
I prepare soup, put various vegetables in it and if I've got meat I put it in, too. Finally I add lots of hot Korean Pickles. That makes a really tasty soup. (It's easy.) I like normal Pickles and radish Pickles

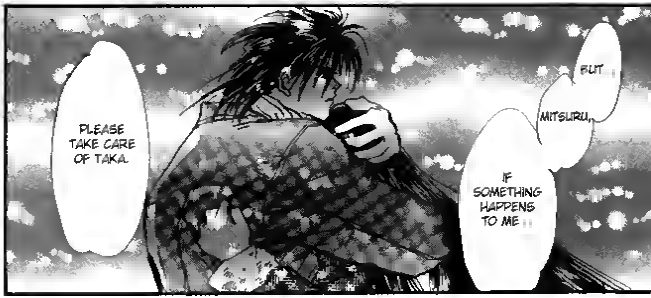
TAMU

It's the same as when we were attacked by it before
It hunts for its prey by getting closer little by little
We set a trap for it, but it only took the meat and the pelt...
which we'd hung up there
Since we'd seen footprints of that tiger-like beast
around here now, too.
It'll...
fall upon us soon
Phew
THE DOG
IT'S THE DOG
YEAH. IT'S THE DOG
was with us all the time to protect us.
The dog, whose injuries I've been treating.

It'd really be a pity so should I use it as cape for now ?
THE STAGE COSTUME OF THE "EVENING CRANE"
AND MAKE HAND TOWELS,
SCARVES AND BAND-AGES OUT OF IT?
SHOULD I TEAR IT APART...
The vegetation started to wither.
Gnash
AH, POTAT-OES?
Because of the cold...
the animals which served us as food decreased.
We..
were worn out.
slept close together.
The three of us...

That's why I tried to speak with them.
SO YOU TWO SLEEP TOGETHER
I WON'T DISTURB YOU
But, before I knew
it had turned out like this
WHAT IF WE CARELESSLY MADE A BABY?
YOU FOOL!
IT WOULD SURELY DIE!
People...
will die out.
That's why in other words...
this project is a failure.
You can't father children if you aren't safe from danger.
Well, that's right
YOU CRAZY?
SHOULD I GIVE BIRTH TO BOTH OF YOUR CHILDREN?
WHAT?!
AREN'T ALL HUMAN BEINGS SIBLINGS?


I WON'T DIE.
NEITHER BEFORE YOU NOR AFTER YOU.
BEFORE ME.
DON'T DIE...
WILL YOU PROMISE ME SOMETHING?
FUJIKI...


PLEASE TAKE CARE OF TAKA.
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME...
MITSURU,
BUT

There followed several peaceful evenings...
And so...
OKAY!
PROMISE ME

In the drizzling rain...
it came.
At first the dog gave a deep bark,
BARK
and in the next moment...
that beast already was over us.
HOLY CRAP!

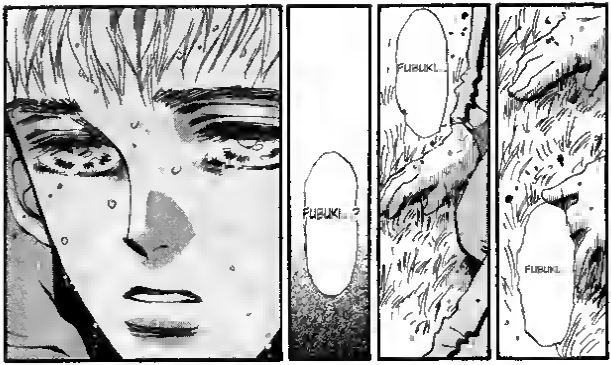
Fubuki drew his katana out in a flash.
*crack
AND RUN!
RUN AWAY
MITSURU! TAKE TAKA WITH YOU...
YELP
FUMP

I'LL PROTECT YOU!
LEAVE THIS BEAST TO ME!
ROAR
I'LL NEVER LET IT...
GET PAST!
RUN!
FUBUKI!!

FUBUKI!!!

U...AH.
AAAAAH!
AH.
AH.
AH!

GROWL
ROAR
PUMP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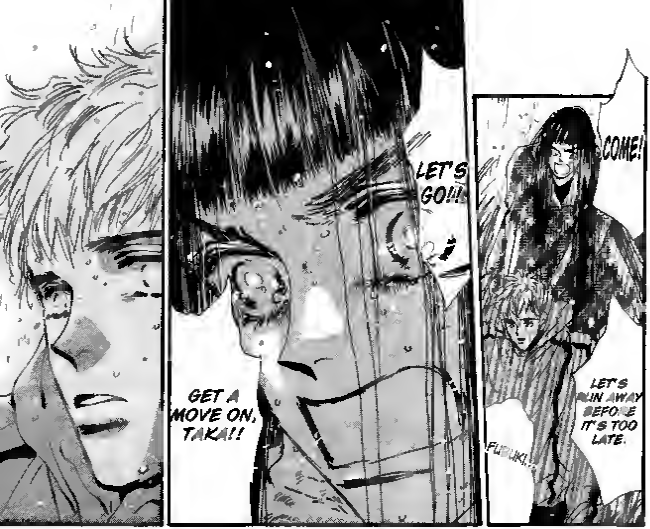
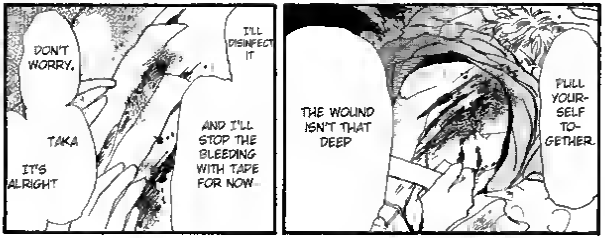
FUBUKI...

FUBUKI...?

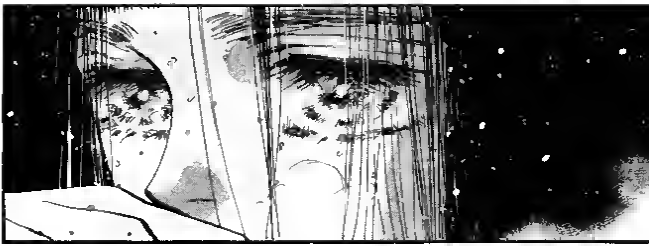
Grab
FU...
BUKI...

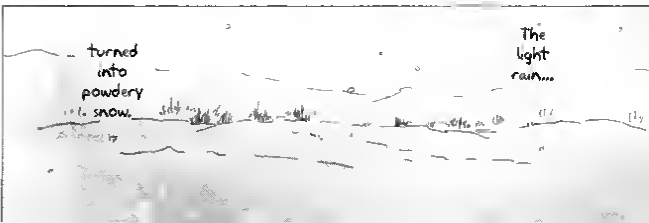

LET'S GO!!
COME!
GET A MOVE ON, TAKA!!
LET'S RUN AWAY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
PUFUKI

The tiger don't come after us.
I don't know what became of the dog.


DON'T WORRY, TAKA IT'S ALRIGHT
I'LL DISINFECT IT AND I'LL STOP THE BLEEDING WITH TAPE FOR NOW
THE WOUND ISN'T THAT DEEP
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER.

hff
hff
hff
hff
hff



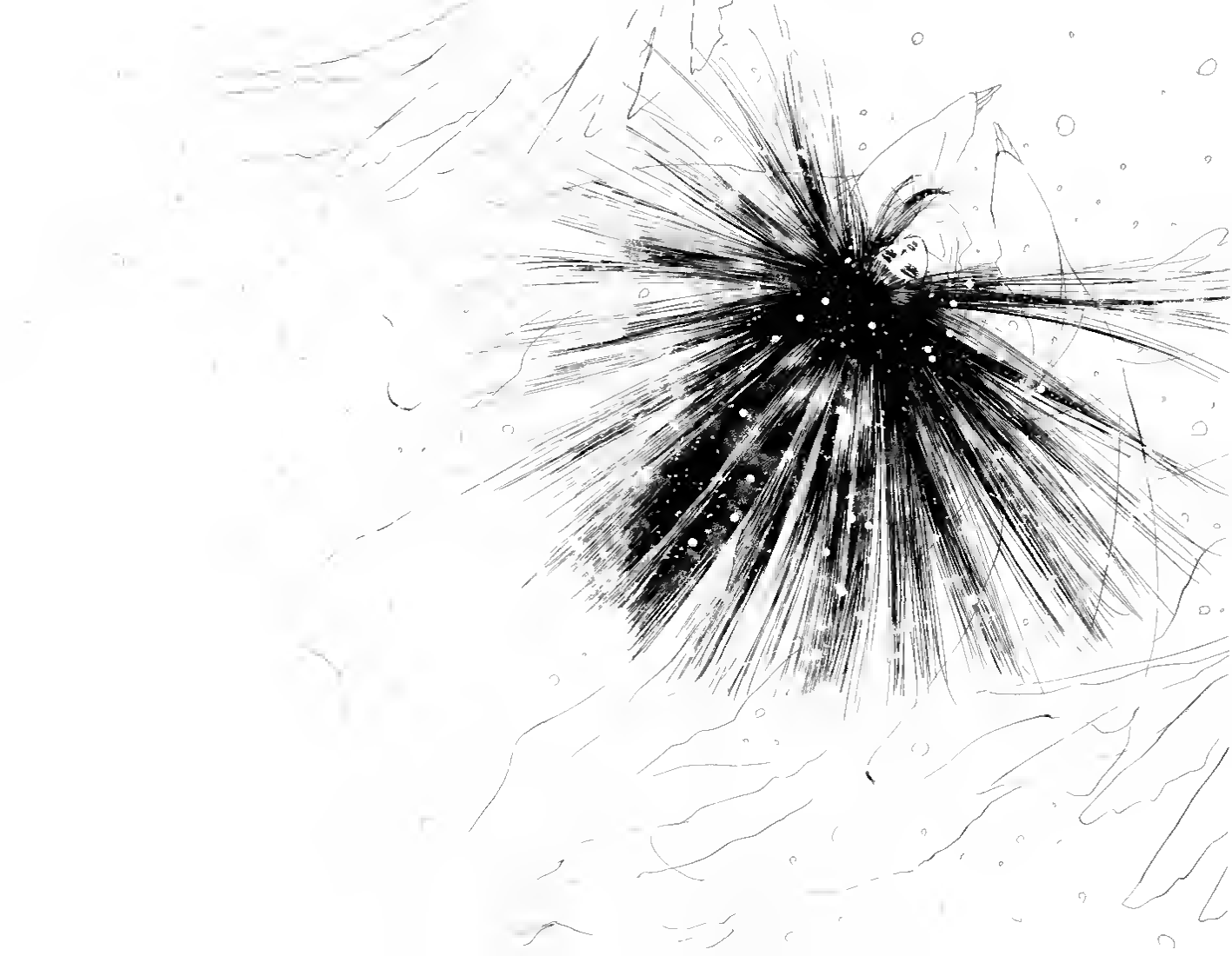

turned into powdery snow.
The light rain...

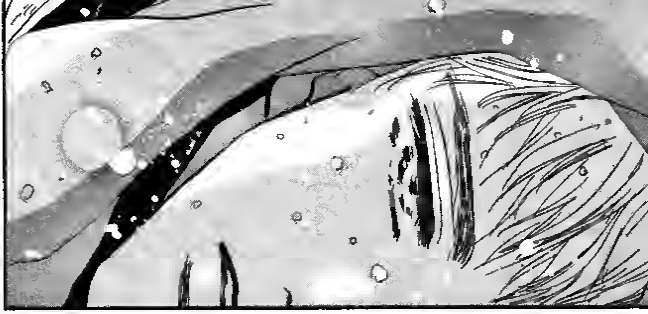
MAYBE HE SENT THE SAME THING TO EVERY-BODY
BUT I SHED TEARS
I'M SURE FUBUKI HAD ALREADY FORGOT-TEN ABOUT IT
I'LL MAKE IT AND YOU CAN MAKE IT TOO.
MY EYES FILLED WITH TEARS
I RECEIVED A HAND-WRITTEN POSTCARD
MY DANCING HAD REACHED A DEAD-LOCK
I DIDN'T EXPECT A REPLY, BUT...
YOU KNOW
I SENT A LETTER THIS SPRING
HERO
MY...
I CAN SEE A RAINBOW
IT'S STRANGE
THEY EVEN RISE WHEN IT SNOWS

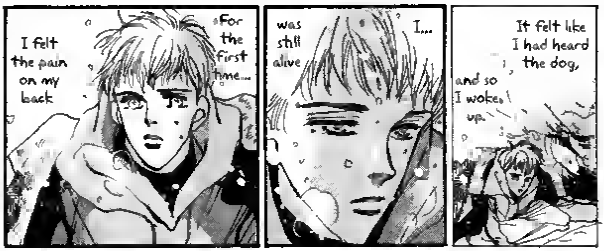
I WONDER.
IF IT REACHES TO THE OTHER WORLD
LISTEN.
AND A SAMISEN, TOO
DRUMS.
THE SOUND OF A FLUTE
SAY,
CAN'T YOU HEAR IT?

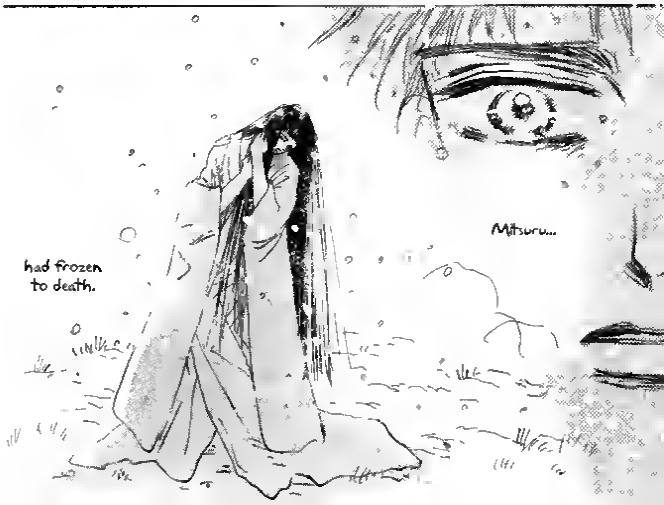
BUT "YOHYO" BROKE HIS PROMISE.
THE "CRANE" HAD TO LEAVE
SO THEY BROKE UP
SHE THOUGHT SHE COULD STAY WITH HIM.
FOREVER
THE "EVENING"
"CRANE"
LOVED "YOHYO"
THEY COULDN'T STAY TOGETHER ANYMORE
SINCE THE PROMISE WAS BROKEN

Ah,
I'm going to die soon,
That's why I can see...
something as beautiful as this.
Yeah...
She's so beautiful.

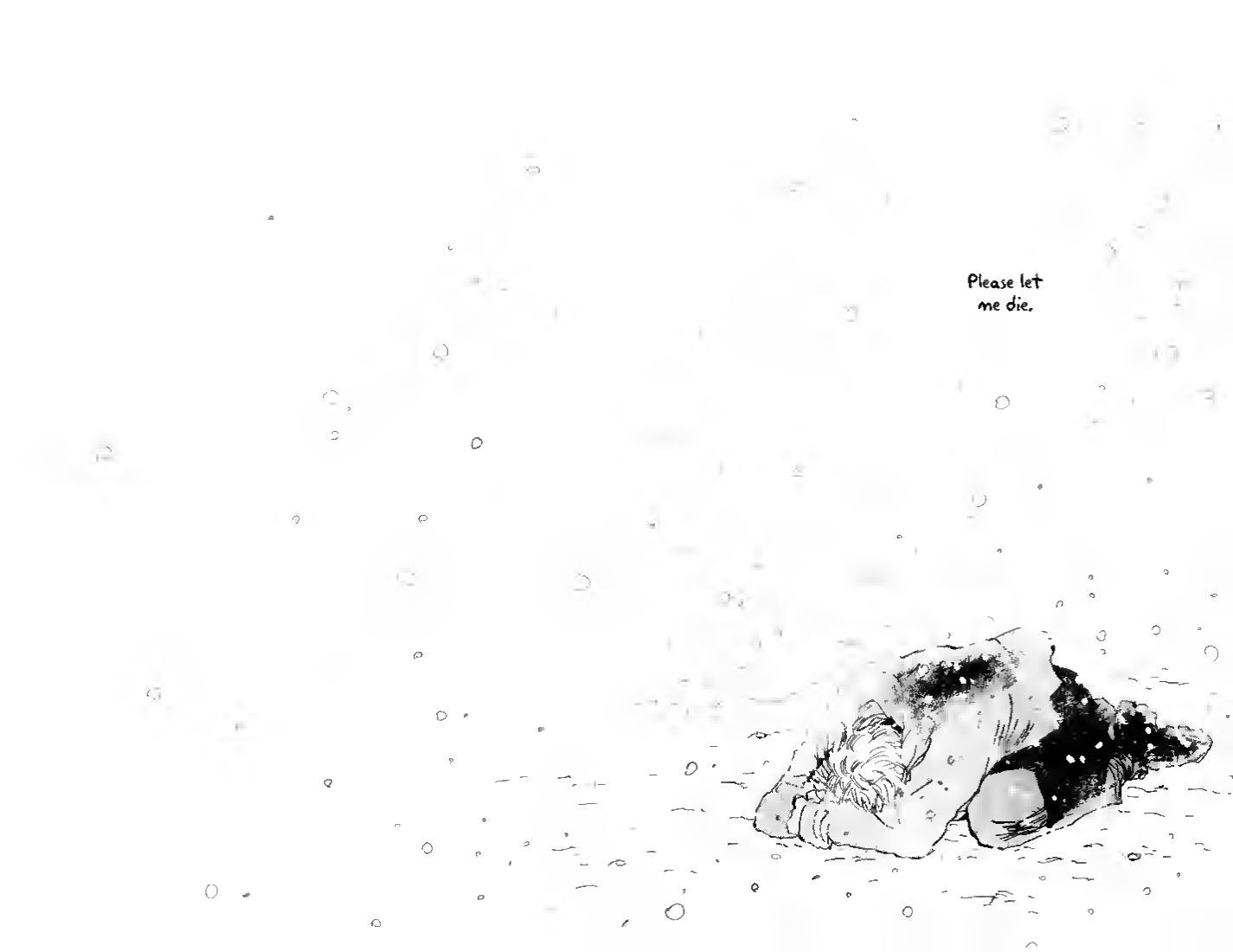





I felt the pain on my back
For the first time...
was still alive
I...
It felt like I had heard the dog,
and so I woke up.


had frozen to death.
Mitsuru...

She'd put all the clothes she had onto me.
and died.
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND
Why was I...
still alive?
Can I die now, too?
Please let me die.
I can, right?
DO I HAVE TO BE ALIVE?
WHY AM I ALIVE?


Please let
me die.

Fu...
Iuki...

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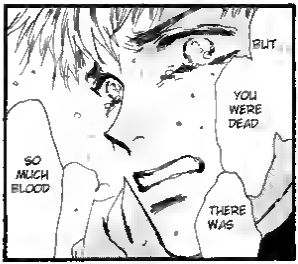
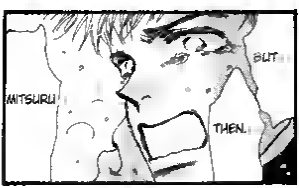




Tiny Tamu-Tamu time ④

As for the tiger?

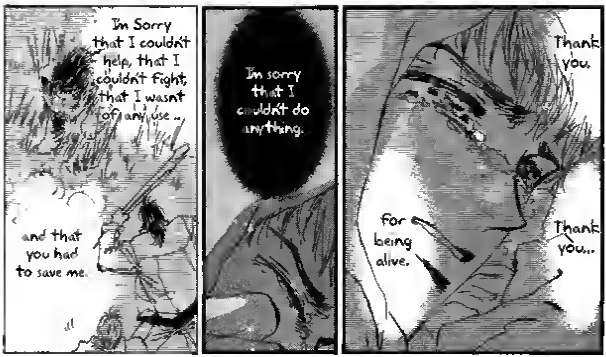
< a little sloppy

It's something like the ancient breed of cats 'Smilodon' (saber toothed cats)

TAMU

WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DIE!
MITSURU...
UAAAH
Since we had no strength to dig a hole,
We threw Mitsuru into the river.
When I looked up,
the rainbow was fading.
It was like
you could see Mitsuru walking over it
There were... only the two of us left
We just slept the entire day

Fubuki was so warm.
I often woke up and cried.

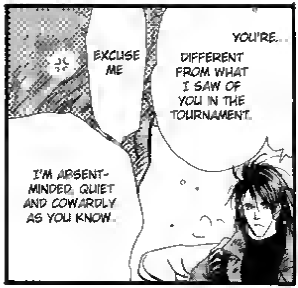

I'm Sorry that I couldn't help, that I couldn't fight, that I wasn't of any use...
and that you had to save me.
I'm sorry that I couldn't do anything.
Thank you.
for being alive.
Thank you...

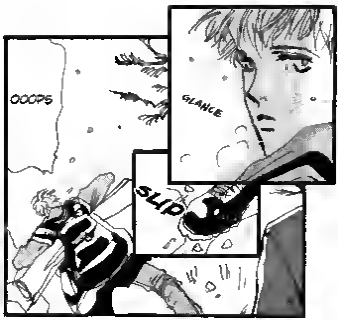
This time.
If I could do it better again..
This time for sure.
then this time
We were in the ninth inning and we had three runners aboard.
I was on the mound in the Koshien tournament
After that I threw a wild ball
And then I had a dream.
I protect Fukuki.
I'll see that..

WHACK
I won't
say sorry.
won't hesitate anymore
WELL,
WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE IN IT'S TERRITORY
I WONDER IF THAT TIGER WILL COME AGAIN
(RAKKLE
IT WILL
WHAT A FAST BALL
Fubuki was better though...

go...
more than this.
I'll prepare a weapon
I can't...
scratch
scratch
We don't have horns, fangs shells or poison either.
We're easy prey.
the snow didn't remain long.
Even though it snowed...
The temperature steadied within a one-digit field.
Since baseball starts from the pitcher.
Who throws it
We decided to leave.
No, keep it...
Oh, I had the ball
I'll give it back.
It's about the same as the winter in Kanto
The climate has changed, too...
Comes from the Kanagawa Prefecture

I WONDER IF MY NOSE BECAME SHARPER BECAUSE I WAS CLOSE TO DEATH
Fubuki's injury
seemed to hurt once in a while
OKAY.
LET'S PLAY CATCH AGAIN
he took the lead.
THIS WAY
I FEEL LIKE I KNOW WHERE WE HAVE TO GO TO
None-theless...
But now...
Step
Step
Step
I have to protect Fubuki!
I always
preferred to follow others,
since I was afraid that they would be gone if I turned around.


EXCUSE ME
I'M ABSENT-MINDED, QUIET AND COWARDLY AS YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE... DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I SAW OF YOU IN THE TOURNAMENT.


OOOPS
GLANCE
SLIP

REMEMBER, TAKA
THAT'S HARDLY POSSIBLE

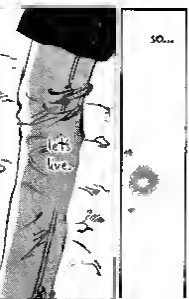
PLAYING BASE-BALL... AND LIVING...
IS THE SAME

IF YOU'D FOUGHT WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, ALL YOUR ATTENTION AND ALL YOUR SENSES,
YOU OUGHT TO HAVE WON
THAT FIERCE BATTLE...
AND THAT TOURNAMENT TOO
THAT LOST MATCH MIGHT BE STRONGER IN YOUR MEMORY
BUT YOU'VE WON IT SEVERAL TIMES, TOO
SO DON'T FORGET...
THAT IT'S THE SAME NOW
WHENEVER.

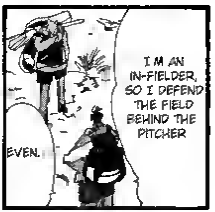
AND WHEREVER YOU FIGHT...
THERE'S...
THE KOSHIEN TOURNAMENT.

I wasn't... quite sure...
what this meant, but...

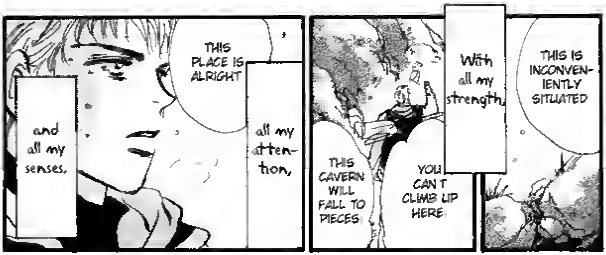
I'LL ALWAYS...
BE HERE FROM NOW ON

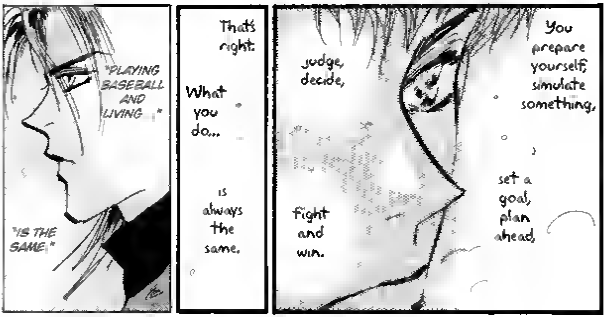

so...
let's live.

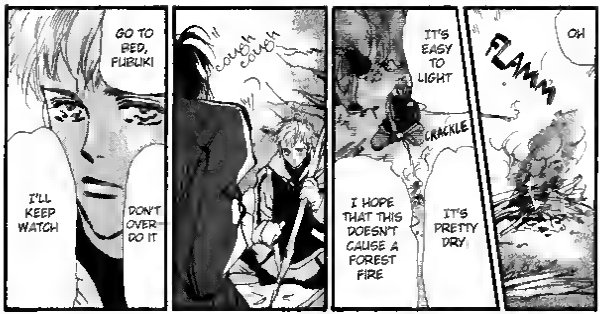
So,
IF YOU DON'T LOOK BACK PERMANENTLY
I'LL BE HERE


I'M AN IN-FIELDER, SO I DEFEND THE FIELD BEHIND THE PITCHER
EVEN.

Let's live on.


THIS PLACE IS ALRIGHT
all my attention,
and all my senses.
THIS CAVERN WILL FALL TO PIECES
YOU CAN'T CLIMB UP HERE
With all my strength,
THIS IS INCONVENIENTLY SITUATED


"PLAYING BASEBALL AND LIVING"
"IS THE SAME."
That's right.
What you do...
is always the same.
judge, decide,
fight and win.
You prepare yourself, simulate something,
set a goal, plan ahead,


GO TO BED, FUBUKI
I'LL KEEP WATCH
DON'T OVER DO IT
cough cough
IT'S EASY TO LIGHT
CRACKLE
I HOPE THAT THIS DOESN'T CAUSE A FOREST FIRE
IT'S PRETTY DRY
OH
FLAMM

please stay well.
Please...

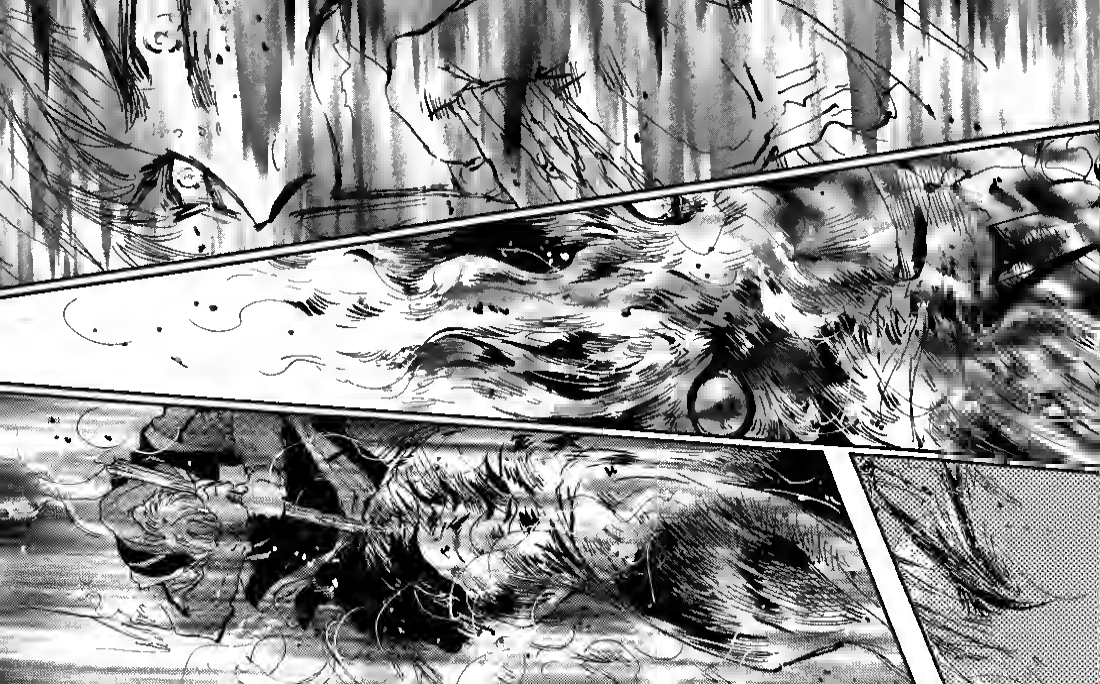
Just like I'd been worrying about
we could see an orange light
A few days later

The orange flames spread at lightning speed.
THE WOOD IS BURNING!
the dry branches and leaves
They swallowed..
*whooo

That moment...
I smelled that tiger.
I felt like...

WIND-WARD
THERE'S NO HELP BUT RUNNING AWAY
Follow the wind!
I've never seen a wood fire before
THE FIRE IS SPREADING FAST
LET'S FLEE.

FUBUKI,
GET DOWN!



huff
huff
huff
PUMP
I...
I'VE
DONE
IT...
HE'S
HAD
IT!
CRACKLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
A...
small
one.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

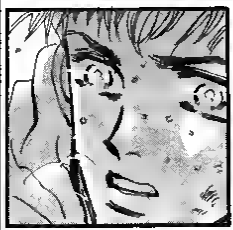
WA.
WAIT.
DON'T. IF YOU GO THIS WAY...
*WHOOO

That tiger wasn't a blood-thirsty killer.
It just lived.

Why..
is life
like this?

Like this...

A STONE STATUE!



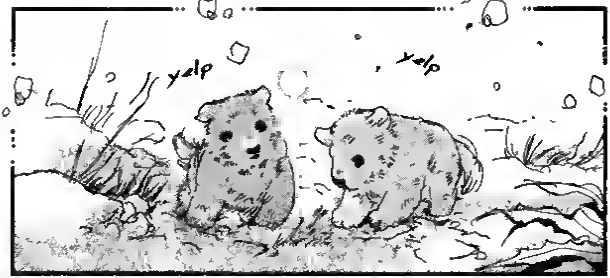
LOOK AT THAT!
FUBUKI

There was a depot
They had stored various goods
FUBUKI!
FUBUKI!
I didnt have any hope that there were people here.
I didnt care whether we were the last people on earth
THERE'S AN ENTRANCE OVER THERE
SCREECH
I'M SURE IT'S ONE OF THE SEVEN FUJIS
IF THE FIRE HADN'T BROKEN OUT, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE SHOWN UP SINCE IT WAS COVERED WITH SHRUBBERY
WE CAN LIVE FOR THE TIME BEING, FUBUKI!
YEAH, GIVE YOUR BEST, TAKA
THAT'S RIGHT, FUBUKI!
WE AREN'T BEATEN YET
WE'LL LIVE
WE FOUND OUR WAY AT LAST

GO AND FIGHT.
FUBUKI?
YOUR MATCH.

Fubuki...
died that moment,
when he was attacked by that tiger.

I didn't want to believe that Fubuki was dead
I thought that I couldn't live on..
Thank you.
for staying with me.
Thank you.
all this way.
Thank you for coming with me...
your body
Hurt all over..
The one who was with me all this time...
was you.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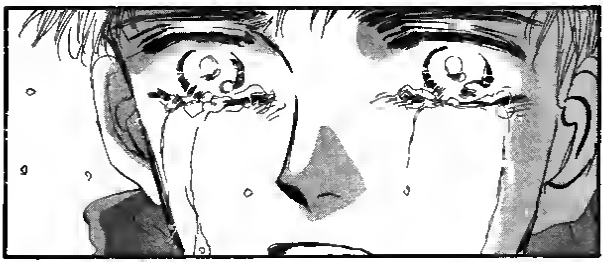
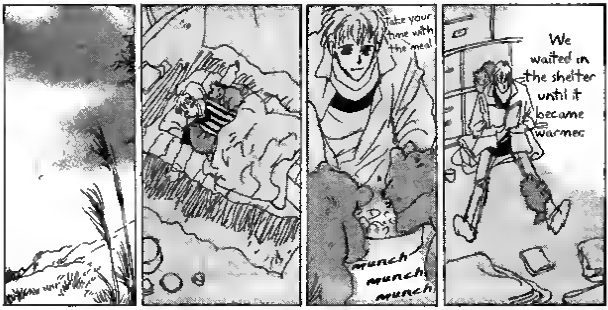


WILL YOU...
COME WITH ME?

IS THIS YOUR MOTHER?
YOU...
yelp
yelp


We waited in the shelter until it became warmer
Take your time with the meal
munch munch munch

Are...
we loved by God...
or are we hated?
I don't
give a damn

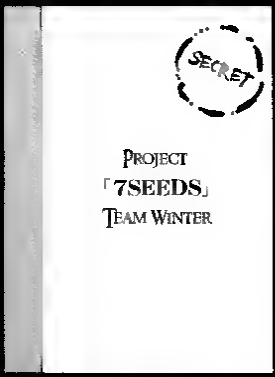
whack
GAME AND SET
STRAIGHT
WE'RE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE NINTH INNING. THE BASES ARE LOADED WITH NO OUTS.
HOW WILL PITCHER ARAMAKI THROW?
We will...

survive.

snap
FUBUKI,
MITSURU,
WANT ME TO THROW ONE MORE TIME?
NO, NO. I ONLY HAVE THAT ONE BALL.
Team winter..
was reduced to one person.
IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SURVIVED,
I WONDER IF OTHER TEAMS WILL COME.
WHAT KIND OF MEMORIES WILL THEY HAVE?
FUBUKI,
MITSURU,
DO YOU..
THINK...
WE SHOULD GO TO THE SOUTH TO HONSHU*, TO SEARCH FOR THEM?
*THE MAIN ISLAND
I want to help someone.
I want to be of use to someone.

The place where you fight
is the Koshien tournament.

We're going
to set out
today.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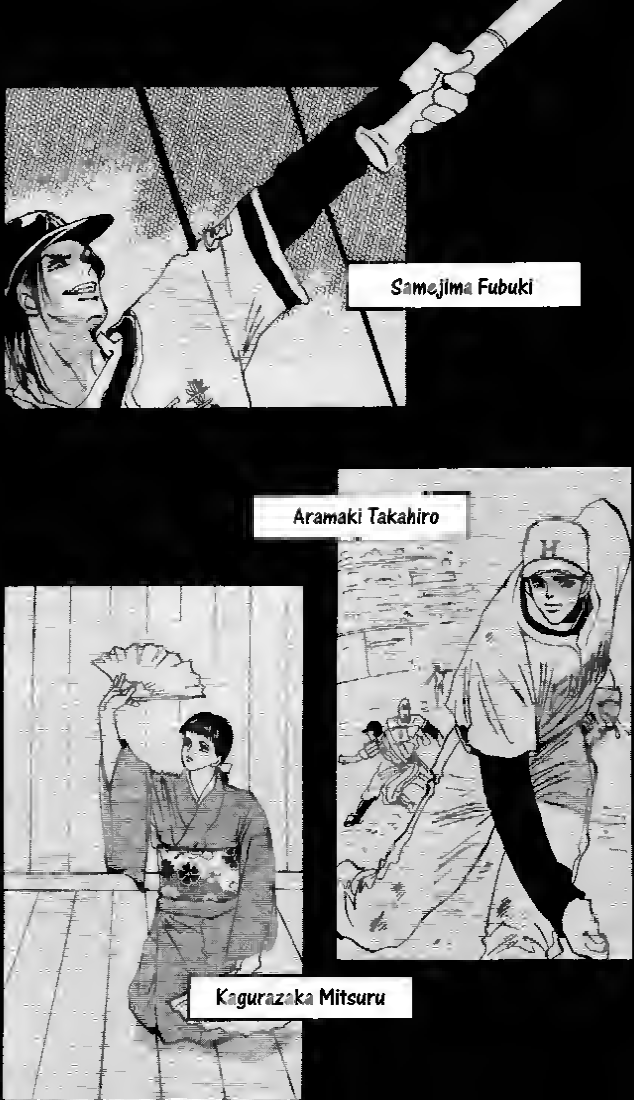
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